

Sadat calls for ousting of Gaddafi

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Egyptian President Anwar Sadat last night called upon Arab leaders to oust Libya's Mu'ammer Gaddafi from their ranks, noting that Gaddafi could still not behave like a head of state. Sadat criticized his Arab colleagues for having tolerated Gaddafi for so long, despite his recurrent threats to almost every Arab leader. Sadat repeated that last weekend's aerial and ground clashes between Egypt and Libya were triggered off by Gaddafi's premeditated aggression against Egyptian border posts. He pointed out that a Libyan assault was launched to coincide with the Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat's arrival in Alexandria to discuss a complaint by Gaddafi that the Egyptians had moved World War Two border markings with Libya. Sadat implied that "poor, misled" Arafat, who appeared to be mediating between the two countries, was used by Gaddafi.

The Egyptian leader said that as far as he was concerned, the border conflict with Libya was over following the mediation of Algerian President Houari Boumedienne. He nevertheless indicated, rather strongly, that he would not enter into reconciliatory talks with Gaddafi "who thinks he is Napoleon."

Sadat was speaking on the Alexandria University campus at the last rally marking the 25th anniversary of Egypt's 1952 revolution.

Meanwhile, Egyptian and Libyan forces were observing the cease-fire



A cartoon from the Arab Revolutionary News Agency of Libya shows President Anwar Sadat of Egypt standing on the Egyptian flag while saluting an American dollar bill. The caption read, "No comment."

along their 1,200 km. desert frontier, and Egyptian military spokesmen told the Associated Press yesterday. But propaganda warfare continued unabated.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said, "The cease-fire will be in force as long as there are no Libyan military provocations," denying that Egypt had laid down other conditions for the truce. One report had said the conditions included the dismantling of complex electronic surveillance systems built for Libya by the Soviet Union.

Libya claimed yesterday that captured Egyptian soldiers had carried Israeli arms, and said this proved that Egypt's President Anwar Sadat was "a tool of both the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and the Zionists."

In the first official Egyptian intimation that Russians may have been killed in the fighting, the government-controlled "Al-Ahram" morning newspaper said yesterday that "Egyptian warplanes, during their attacks Friday, destroyed a Soviet radar station," near Tobruk.

Disarmament of Palestinian camps in Lebanon to start on Saturday

BEIRUT (UPI) — Syrian and Lebanese troops will start supervising partial disarmament of Beirut's explosive Palestinian refugee camps Saturday. It comes as part of an ambitious blueprint for peace there and along Lebanon's smoldering southern border with Israel.

"D-Day is Saturday," the Lebanese commander of the country's overwhelmingly Syrian Arab peacekeeping force, Lt. Col. Sami Khatib, told reporters after Palestinian leaders accepted the Syrian plan on Monday.

Syrian officials had reportedly won prior approval for the plan from virtually all other groups on Lebanon's stormy political horizon at a battery of separate meetings in Damascus over the past month.

But in a country that saw dozens of cease-fires go up in smoke before the Syrian-dominated Arab force ended a 20-month civil war late last year, local political observers were sceptical about how quickly, or completely, the plan could be put into practice.

The Syrian blueprint calls for a pullback in the south by joint Palestinian and Lebanese-Jewish forces which have been battling Christian militias with mortar, machinegun and artillery duels near the Israeli frontier.

Wolf Blitzer reports from Washington:

The U.S. yesterday acknowledged that the establishment of a UN peace-keeping force in southern Lebanon was one of the ideas currently being considered in an effort

to maintain tranquility in the region.

State Department spokesman Hoddington Carter III, however, said that he did not know of any U.S.-Soviet agreement on this subject, as was reported yesterday by a Beirut newspaper. He did concede that the U.S. has been talking with Moscow on "various principles."

The spokesman confirmed that the subject of a UN peace-keeping force arose during President Carter's talks with Prime Minister Begin here last week.

Begin told the President that Israel would agree to such a proposal, provided that the 5,000 Palestinian terrorists building in southern Lebanon were removed and that the UN troops came from

Doubts cast on buying Cobras

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Military Correspondent

There are differences of opinion among military analysts here as to the value of the 15 Bell-209 attack helicopters that Prime Minister Menachem Begin managed to secure from the U.S.

According to American reports there are already 12 Cobras in Israel, and the 15 were the tail end of an initial Israel order for 30; analysts here question the advisability of a high Israel investment in the highly specialized weapons system at this stage. Each helicopter is reported to cost around \$1.5m.

Nato countries have defined some 200 assault helicopters, with an anti-tank capability, as the minimum requirement for the deployment of an effective force.

By extension, this would mean that

Israel would have to invest in a similar number of machines — an investment around \$300m. — over a sum which it is felt here could be better spent on more versatile airborne and land systems.

While the Cobra can carry a wide range of armaments, including eight TOW anti-tank missiles and 70 4.75 inch rockets, as well as either a 20 mm. or 30 mm. multi-barrel cannon and grenade launcher, it is considered an anti-tank and anti-infantry weapon with a highly limited field of operation. The machine is considered vulnerable and detectable, and its operational use as a tank-stopper is considered potentially expensive both in terms of pilots and lost machines. The Cobra, with its crew of two, has a speed of 352 kms. per hour and a service ceiling of almost 3,500 metres. However, in order to be effective against tanks it has to fly parallel to the contours of the ground at low

speed in order to avoid radar detection.

In short, the aircraft's survivability is tenuous, and military analysts have questioned the advisability of using it in anti-tank warfare. Furthermore, the helicopter as an anti-tank weapon is considered an extremely expensive system in relation to its operational benefits, leading analysts to promote alternate systems to deal with an enemy tank invasion, as well as other tactical needs.

One of the conditions under which Israel would most probably find it economically viable to introduce the machines in substantial numbers is if the Israeli Aircraft Industries decide to build a helicopter. The IAI has indicated in the past that it is considering such a possibility, and that the country possesses the technology, including the building of a local engine, to produce the system.

West Bank decision angers U.S. State Dept. calls decision 'an obstacle to peace'

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — The Carter Administration reacted angrily yesterday to the Israeli Government's decision to sanction three existing settlements on the West Bank.

The Israeli decision, which came as a surprise to American officials, threatened to erase the major achievement of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's recent talks in Washington: the establishment of a good relationship with President Carter. The President had asked Begin to refrain from establishing new settlements before the Geneva conference.

Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton yesterday morning telephoned Israel. Ambassador Shlomo Hershkovitz, the fact that the administration's deep disappointment with the Israeli decision.

Later in the day, State Department spokesman Hoddington Carter read the following statement to reporters at the daily news briefing:

"We have been in touch with the Israeli Government about the report (of the settlements), and it has informed us that it is taking action to give legal status to three existing settlements on the West Bank. It is our understanding that the former government had refused to legalize at least one of these settlements."

"We have consistently made clear, including in our recent talks in Washington, our view that the establishment of settlements in the occupied territories is not only contrary to the Fourth Geneva Convention but also constitutes an obstacle to progress in the peace-making process."

"We are deeply disappointed by this development."

Later in the day, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance repeated the Administration's concern that the decision would be a major obstacle in the way of peace, but refused to say whether or not the development would jeopardize his forthcoming visit to the area.

While Begin, during his talks here last week, refused to commit himself on the question of Israeli settlements, the Americans had hoped that the Prime Minister would not take any steps in this matter during the coming weeks. Carter had pointed out to Begin that the U.S. stood to lose its credibility in the Arab world if Israel should now promote new settlements.

The three settlements legally approved yesterday — Kaddum, Ofra and Ma'ale Adumim — were not really new since they already existed. In fact, Ofra and Ma'ale Adumim had been sanctioned by the Rabin government.

Kaddum, which has been controversial ever since it was founded by squatters last year, has been a source of friction between Washington and Jerusalem. The Rabin government had promised to dismantle Kaddum, but later gave in to pressures from Gush Emunim and other Land of Israel advocates.

"Clearly," spokesman Hoddington Carter said yesterday, "we had hoped that prior to the new round of discussions, there would be no steps that might make the search for peace any more difficult."

But he refused to say that yesterday's decision by the Israel Government had actually endangered the Carter Administration's current peace initiative.

Since the 1967 Six Day War, the U.S. has regarded new Israeli settlements in the territories captured during that war as illegal under international law and an obstacle to a peace process. Israel has rejected this U.S. position.

Yesterday's U.S. statement, though couched in diplomatic understatement, was nevertheless regarded by veteran observers as a strong rebuke of Israel. The fact that the Israeli Government was merely approving what existed in fact did not seem to make much difference here.

Atherton yesterday in his conversation with Dinitz raised only the question of the three approved settlements, and did not discuss possible future developments. But the administration is not concealing its concern that Israel might now go ahead with brand-new settlements — a development that would seriously strain American-Israeli relations.

The spokesman said that yesterday's statement had been cleared by Secretary Vance personally and that it represented the view of the entire Carter Administration.

He referred to Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention in arguing that Israel had no right — under international law — to create these settlements "in occupied territories."

The spokesman said that the president had explained in considerable detail America's opposition to such settlements during his talks last week with Begin.

What is apparently most disconcerting to the American administration is that the Israeli Government decided to approve these settlements despite the warm welcome laid out for Begin here last week.

The president and senior American officials had gone out of their way to praise Begin, to make him feel confident of U.S. support, and to avoid any sort of confrontation. Now the administration feels that Begin has let them down. That was part of the reason for the angry U.S. reaction yesterday.

Asked whether the U.S. reaction constituted a "protest," the spokesman replied only that it was "a notice of our disappointment."

Asked whether the U.S. would now like to see Israel reverse yesterday's decision, he replied:

"You can make the assumption that we believe it would be appropriate for the Government of Israel to follow policies consistent with the Geneva convention... We feel they (the settlements) are inconsistent with international law."

American officials were trying to figure out why the Begin government had decided to risk antagonizing the U.S. so soon after the talks here. The officials are convinced that Begin had no illusions about what type of U.S. response would be forthcoming.

Jerusalem officials refuse 'to react to reactions'

By DAVID LANDAU
POST Diplomatic Correspondent

Officials in Jerusalem refused to comment last night on the sharply critical reaction from Washington to the decision on settlements.

"It's best not to react to the reactions at this point," the officials maintained. They expected the Prime Minister to refer to the issue during his statement in the Knesset this morning in his talks with President Carter. (This will be preceded by a Cabinet meeting at which the American criticism of the Israeli decision will doubtless be aired.)

Before the State Department issued its statement, officials in Jerusalem sought to head off a possible unfavourable American reaction by emphasizing that the committee had done no more than give official con-

firmation to an existing situation.

Committee chairman Ariel Sharon, the Minister of Agriculture, made the same point in a radio interview. The three settlements have existed for years, he said, and have received aid from government agencies — but in an irregular fashion. The committee's decision had come to regularize this situation.

Sharon would "neither deny nor confirm" that there would be a "delay" in plans to set up new settlements. He did not spend time denying or confirming every report that was published, he noted.

Asked how they expected the State Department to react, the Israeli officials said they hoped and expected that their American counterparts

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
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The Ministerial Committee on Settlement yesterday recognized Kaddum, Ofra and Ma'ale Adumim on the West Bank as full-fledged settlements.

The committee, which operates jointly with the World Zionist Organization, did not consider new settlements yesterday. Its chairman, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, refused to comment on reports that no new settlements would be established in Judaea and Samaria before the Geneva conference.

But he said to this reporter: "Do you think Jews won't settle in Eretz Yisrael? That's impossible!"

The ministerial decision was taken only one day after Prime Minister Menachem Begin returned with a triumphant feeling from his meetings with U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Begin was last night seen in the Knesset Members' dining room talking excitedly to Gush Emunim leaders Hanan Porat and Gershon Shafat.

Sharon said he knew nothing of a request by Carter that there be no new Jewish settlement on the West Bank before the Geneva conference. And he "definitely" did not know of any undertaking in this respect by the Prime Minister.

The decision on Kaddum was influenced by the need to provide services such as schools and teachers, Sharon said, adding that the previous (Alignment) government had decided to recognize Ma'ale Adumim.

Ebuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party) noted that President Carter had asked the Israeli Government not to establish new settlements before Geneva. He had not asked Israel to remove existing ones.

Several opposition leaders suggested that yesterday's decision was designed to placate Gush Emunim because a new settlement would be established in the near future. Gush Emunim could embarrass the Government by accusing it of barring Jews from settlement.

Opposition leader Shimon Peres called the decision "a declarative substitute for decisions on settlement." Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin said he opposed recognition of Kaddum, but he would not elaborate.

Begin non-committal about whether he'll brief committee

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tension and uncertainty prevailed at the preliminary level yesterday between the Likud and the Alignment over the latter's demand that Premier Menachem Begin brief the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee about his Washington talks before he reports on them to the plenum at 11 o'clock this morning.

Begin's public statements yesterday on the row between the Likud and the Alignment over leaks from the Cabinet and the all-important Knesset committee on the position papers he took with him to Washington were couched more in sorrow than in anger. Begin said that "things would work out all right."

However, Begin seemed to be creating the impression that he wanted to keep the Alignment on tenterhooks because he did not reply outright yesterday to the call to brief the committee. Some MKs thought he might be wanting to punish the Opposition for criticizing him while he was in the U.S. However, he did not spell this intention out so as not to be accused of vengeance.

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Gush Emunim leaders were pleased with the decision, but cautious. "This is the first small step in the right direction," Hanan Porat said.

The Gush Emunim leaders said they now expected government funds and other aid to follow.

Gershon Shafat said that the movement has 10 par'votim (settlement groups in formation) ready to move to Judaea and Samaria, and that two more are being organized.

A Gush Emunim plan presented to Sharon calls for the establishment of 12 settlements in the following locations: Dotan, in the Jenin area; Shomron, near Sebastia; Tirza at Camp Yosef on the Nahal-Danah road; Karna'in on the Kfar Sava-Kaddum road; a site near the Arab village of Hares on the road from Mas'ha to the heart of Samaria; Shilo, Nebi Salih and Beit El near Ramallah; Beit Horon and Giv'on on the Latrun-Ramallah road; Camp Zif in the Hebron area; and Jericho.

Likud MK Pesach Grupper said that a meeting with Gush Emunim leaders last week showed that the Likud's settlement plan is essentially similar.

Abraham Rabinovitch adds: One member of the settlement committee said last night that official recognition meant that schools, regular bus service, and other services would be inaugurated. Presumably, it also implied that the government would look after the creation of employment sources.

Settlers at Kaddum, in Samaria, west of Nablus, say that the entire settlement was created on the basis of contributions and without government assistance. About half the settlers are employed in small workshops in the settlement and most of the rest work in the Tel Aviv area. The religious settlers regard their present site adjacent to an army camp as temporary and have expressed their desire to move to some other available site in the area.

Ofra, northeast of Ramallah, and Ma'ale Adumim, on the Jerusalem-Jericho road, are officially designated as "work camps." Most of their settlers work in Jerusalem or elsewhere in the area. One of the last decisions of the Rabin government was to recommend to the incoming Likud government that Ma'ale Adumim be developed as a satellite city of Jerusalem with some 5,000 dwelling units. Industries have begun moving into the large industrial area being developed at Ma'ale Adumim.

Begin gives 'full report' to Katzir

Post Political Reporter

Premier Menachem Begin "set a precedent" (in his own words) yesterday by giving a "full report" of his visit to the U.S. to President Ephraim Katzir.

This was the first time, Begin said, that a returning prime minister had acted thus, and it was intended to usher in a new period of enhanced

respect for the presidency.

Begin reiterated his intention to amend the Basic Law to give the president a more significant role in the affairs of the state.

"But President Katzir himself knows that this isn't the most urgent pressing item on our agenda," the premier told newsmen after his audience with the president.

Red Sea struggle: Russia vs. Arabs

The war between Ethiopian troops and Somali guerrillas in Ogaden is mushrooming into a wider conflict, involving regular Somali forces as well. Ethiopia claims that the Somalis are being aided by Egyptian and Iraqi pilots, while the Somalis say that Israeli and Cuban pilots are fighting with the Ethiopians.

This war is only one of several major conflicts occurring in the strategic Horn of Africa that overlooks the passageway between the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. There are serious implications for the Arabs, Israel, and the superpowers.

Today, there are almost as many Cubans in Ethiopia — whose Ethiopian coastline is just across the narrow Red Sea from Arabia — as there are in Angola, claims a UN aid official who recently completed services in Addis Ababa. And Fidel Castro has made no secret of his support of the Ethiopian military regime.

In a recent interview in France's "Afrique-Asie," Castro, who has sent thousands of Cuban troops and aid personnel to Ethiopia in the last few months, called on the Third World to rally against the "international reactionary conspiracy" that he said was trying to crush the "genuinely progressive revolution"

Soviet penetration of the Horn of Africa, site of civil conflicts, escalating border warfare and shifting alliances, is an open challenge to the oil-producing states of the Arabian Peninsula and their Western backers. It is of major concern to the Americans, and significantly affects Israel's policy as well. The Post's LOUIS RAPOPORT reports.

being carried out by the Dergue (the committee of 120 soldiers that has been whittled down to 40 after a series of bloody purges.)

The Marxist-Leninist junta, led by Lt. Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, enjoys the full support of Castro's Kremlin mentors, who have armed the recently-assembled 800,000-man militia with Kalashnikov automatic rifles. In a secret pact signed in May, Moscow agreed to supply \$600m. in arms to Ethiopia, including Mig-21 jets and SA-7 Strela missiles.

The Russians and their Cuban and East European surrogates moved into Ethiopia in a massive, startling way. The experts didn't know what to make of it, especially since Moscow was so entrenched in strategic Somalia, where its largest Indian Ocean naval and air bases are located. The Soviets regard the Indian Ocean as vital to their national interests, since American Poseidon submarines have an important "second strike" nuclear capability from the ocean and into

Russia.

"This is what brought the Soviet Union into the Middle East in the first place," says Sovietologist Galia Golan of the Hebrew University. Oil lanes are only a secondary interest.

"The Russian build-up in the Indian Ocean is in direct relation to their growing missile capability; this has been going on since the 1960s."

UNTIL LAST YEAR the U.S. was Ethiopia's main supplier of military and economic aid; but with the development of new weapons and communications systems, the once vital U.S. Kargaw base in Eritrea has not been important since 1971.

Furthermore, Ethiopia was written off as a basket-case country that spelled nothing but trouble for the Americans. The U.S. secured the lease on the British island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean and moved the sophisticated equipment from Kargaw to their new island base.

And since 1971, the Soviets have been advancing into the region as steadily as the Americans were withdrawing.

President Jimmy Carter said in January and again in May that the Indian Ocean, the site of more than half of the world's oil shipments, should be demilitarized. But Pentagon and State Department officials convinced him that the goal of demilitarization might force the U.S. to abandon its development of the Diego Garcia facilities, while leaving the Soviets free to use ports in Somalia and South Yemen (Aden).

The U.S. has 13 attack aircraft carriers in the area, while the Soviets have none — which is why air and naval operations, CIA chief Admiral Stansfield Turner, writing in the January issue of "Foreign Affairs," noted that the Soviets' naval power is now so strong that Moscow has "progressed from the basic concept of defence of Mother Russia to the more grandiose capability of posing a global offensive threat to free world use of high seas."

The Soviet fleet in the Gulf of Aden, between the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, serves as a deterrent to U.S. naval intervention in the region.

The question arises: If the Indian Ocean is indeed the most important

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Swiss Ambassador Jacques Bernard Ruedi yesterday called on Interior Minister Dr. Yosef Burg at his office in Jerusalem.

Dr. D. Wolfers will speak on "Population and the Future of Man" at today's meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, Y.M.C.A., 1 p.m.

Father Elias, of the Carmelite Monastery, will speak on the holy places and caves on Mt. Carmel, at today's meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, 1 p.m.

The Israel Bond Staff Delegation yesterday met with Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of the Interior, at the Knesset.

ARRIVALS

Rabbi Jehoshua Hutner, the managing director of Yad Harav Herzog and of the Talmudic Encyclopedia, from a business trip to Europe.

From U.S., Canada and England, participants in the Young Leadership Seminar of Eumunah. Also Toby Willy, U.S. president of Eumunah, Shula Crubbaum, Belgian president, and Gugu Graham of England, with delegations to the First World Conference of Eumunah.

Summer rain shower

A "unique natural occurrence" took place yesterday at the Beduin village of Tel-Sheba, located about 5 km. east of Be'er-Sheva. At around 7 a.m., rain fell for about 15 minutes. Residents said that they had to turn on their cars' windshield wipers as they left for work yesterday. Meteorologists think that the storm was caused by an isolated cloud burst above the village as the rest of the Negev reported typically hot and dry summer weather.

Nitzan resigns as civil service head

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Ya'acov Nitzan, the Civil Service Commissioner, has resigned effective from September 1. He has held the post for 10 years.
Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich has regretfully accepted the resignation, and has, according to Nitzan, offered him another, not yet specified post in the public service.

Ya'acov Maimon, Hebrew teacher, dies in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Ya'acov Maimon, inventor of Hebrew shorthand and for many years official government stenographer, but best known and loved, perhaps, by thousands of citizens as their first Hebrew teacher, died yesterday in Jerusalem.
Born in Russia in 1903, Ya'acov Maimon arrived here in 1922. He was involved in volunteer work from the start, and with the massive influx of new immigrants after the State was established, their need to learn Hebrew became his life's passion. He organized a task force of several hundred volunteer teachers who travelled to new immigrant areas throughout the country.
His tireless efforts in this field, which continued almost up to the time of his death in Hadassah Hospital yesterday, earned Ya'acov Maimon the Israel Prize in May 1976.

Yitzhak Bankover laid to rest

RAMAT HAKOVESH (Itim). — Yitzhak Bankover, leading member of the Ahdut Ha'avoda movement and one of the founders of Kibbutz Ramat Hakovesh, was buried in the cemetery here yesterday. The funeral was attended by former Foreign Minister Yigal Alon, former Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and Ahdut Ha'avoda leaders.
Yitzhak Bankover died on Sunday after a lengthy illness, aged 76.

On the first anniversary of the death of

ADA LEVIE

a commemorative service will be held on Friday, 14 Av (July 29) in the New Cemetery of Ramat Hasharon. We will meet at 3.30 p.m. at the house of the deceased, 27 Rehov Habonim.

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Cabinet to discuss Ikrit and Bir'im

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Cabinet will soon discuss the request of Arab villagers from Ikrit and Bir'im to be allowed to rebuild their former homes and to resettle in the two Galilee villages.

This was announced in the Knesset yesterday by Gideon Patt, Minister of Construction and Housing, when he replied for the Government to a motion for the agenda by Akiva Nof (DMC), which was referred to committee.

"It's an important and serious human issue," Patt said, suggesting that the motion be handled by the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. At this, DMC also called out that they would prefer it to be in the Interior Committee. The final decision on this will be taken in a few days time.

It was not clear why the Defence Minister did not reply to the motion — as has been the practice in the past. It was suggested that since Minister Ezer Weizman is already on record as favouring the villagers' case, he did not want to seem to commit the Government by appearing in its name in the Knesset at this point.

Two Labour men, who live on moshavim and represent the moshav lobby, Amos Hadar and Yehoshua Zakai, kept up a barrage of heckling and interruptions

against the DMC speaker, Akiva Nof. They shouted that the Ikrit and Bir'im villagers wanted their farm lands back from the moshavim which had settled there later. When this was disproved, they shouted that other Arabs claiming dispossession would demand to be allowed back as well.

Hadar and Zakai were backed by another Labour man, Jacques Amir, and by two Likud men, Moshe Shamir (Likud-Greater Israel Movement) and Yigal Cohen (Likud-La'am).

The Alignment faction earlier in the afternoon had decided its members would vote to send the DMC motion to committee. Faction whip Moshe Shahal announced that the Labour Party central committee would meet next week to adopt a formal stand on the Ikrit-Bir'im affair. Labour is on record from a past central committee meeting several years ago as opposing the villagers' demand to go home.

Akiva Nof urged the Government to move the "good fence" with Lebanon a few kilometres back from the border, by letting the villagers of Ikrit and Bir'im return home.

The villagers had supported the idea of a Jewish state even before it was founded, Nof said. They had refused, after their expulsion by the

IDF in 1948, to allow hostile elements to incite them against the state and to exploit their just claims for disloyal ends, despite all their disappointments.

The DMC man rejected the oft-heard argument that the return of the villagers would serve as a precedent to claims by other Arabs.

The case of Ikrit and Bir'im, he said, reflected a happy coincidence between justice and fair play on the one hand, and Israel's national interests on the other. It combined political wisdom, the upholding of the rule of law, and regard for the foundations of Zionist morality — which, as Israel has constantly told the world, does not countenance the deliberate dispossession of people.

The counter-argument, that it would constitute a security risk to let the villagers return to their homes, was "absurd," Nof said. The villagers were permitted to be on the site at any time of the day or night, but not to reside there. They were allowed to reside 3 km. further inland, they were allowed to serve in the Border Police and the Police, and they were allowed to drive supply lorries on the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War, Nof said. He reminded the Likud that it was on record for 23 years as supporting the Ikrit and Bir'im villagers.

MK charges coalition deal will virtually halt autopsies

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Requiring written consent from the family of a just-deceased person for the performance of an autopsy will be tantamount to putting a halt to post-mortem operations, and the post-mortem situation in Israel is already "at the danger line," Ora Namir (Alignment-Labour) told the Knesset yesterday in presenting her motion for the agenda on the subject.

She was referring to the government's intention to enact such a requirement, in accordance with paragraph 9 of the coalition agreement between the Likud and the Orthodox parties. She said that "for years Orthodox circles have been engaged in incitement against the post-mortem."

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak replied by saying that it was

pointless to discuss the matter in the plenary or in committees at this stage, as the government had not yet come up with a concrete proposal. When it had a draft bill, the relevant Knesset bodies would have ample opportunity to air the matter. He rejected what he termed Mrs. Namir's attempt to exploit the issue to fan the flames of conflict between the Orthodox and the other sectors of the population.

The House voted 54-38 to strike the motion from the agenda, with Labour's Rabbi Menahem Hacohen and the Democratic Movement for Change's Mordechai Elgrabi voting with the majority. The minority voted for an alternative proposal by Shelli's Meir Pa'il to refer the matter to the Labour and Social Betterment Committee.

INTERIOR MINISTER Yosef Burg yesterday denied a series of allegations made by Agudat Yisrael's Menahem Porush in a parliamentary question concerning police conduct towards Orthodox demonstrators outside the new pizzeria in Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda Street on Friday night, June 24. Burg denied that the police had compelled the two young Kaufman brothers to ride to the police station, tightly manacled their hands, or compelled them to walk to the police station with their hands raised. They were not released till the Sabbath was out, he said, because in deference to their sensibilities the police did not interrogate them or book them during the Sabbath.

THE VILLAGE of Umm el Fahm in Nahal Iron (Wadi Ara) will finally get a water reservoir of its own, with the help of a IL245,000 grant from the Interior Ministry, a IL200,000 loan from the Agricultural Ministry, and IL200,000 budgeted for the purpose by its own local council. All this is in addition to the IL80,000 granted by the Interior Ministry 16 months ago for the purchase of the land for the reservoir, and another IL50,000 four months ago for the waterworks development. Interior Minister Yosef Burg reported this to the Knesset yesterday in reply to a parliamentary question by Tawfiq Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality).

Likud, DMC concur on electoral reform

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

The Likud and the Democratic Movement for Change yesterday announced that they had found "much similarity" in their proposals for an electoral reform.

The statement was originally issued by Likud MK Zaiman Shoval, but DMC MK Meir Zorea asked that it be a joint announcement.

Zorea told The Jerusalem Post the parties agreed that the country be divided into 16 to 18 regions which will elect most of the Knesset members. The remainder will be elected according to a proportional

system where the entire country is considered as one region. There was no discussion on how the seats will be divided, he added.

The participants stated they hoped the National Religious Party would join the talks.

The negotiating committee scheduled its next meeting for tomorrow morning at the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem.

Moked merger mooted

The Moked faction in Shelli has agreed to negotiate merging with the other factions, Shelli announced yesterday.

The movement, which is represented in the Knesset by Lova Eliaz and Meir Pa'il, is a federation of Moked, the Independent Socialists, Ha'olam Hazeh and a Black Panther splinter group.

The Moked decision was taken by a two-thirds majority in its council.

Bill to study ministers' businesses

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Mapam's Chaima Grossman persuaded the House yesterday to vote to committee a motion for the agenda about the potential conflict of interests between cabinet ministers' private business affairs and their governmental responsibilities.

Yoram Aridor, replying for the Government (he is deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office), agreed that the Knesset would do well to set new norms for ministers to prevent such conflict of interests. However, he reminded Grossman and her Alignment colleagues that before they sat in the opposition they were never troubled about the problem.

"I am glad to see that the Likud takeover of power has improved your sensitivity," Aridor said. The Government is awaiting the report of the Asher Committee set up to study just this problem.

Aridor chided the Alignment because the only norm it had observed in the past regarding ministers' potential conflict of interests had depended on the personality of the minister involved. "We shall make the new public and national-oriented norms of conduct dependent on the nature of the person's function," Aridor said.

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman said later at question time in reply to Grossman's colleague Naftali Feder (Alignment-Mapam) that he sold all his business interests when he joined the Begin-led government. This step was based on a special consultation with Attorney General Aharon Barak, Weizman said.

Hurvitz would rather resign

Meanwhile, the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Yigal Hurvitz, told a meeting of the Jerusalem Economic Club yesterday that he would prefer to resign rather than sell his business holdings to persons outside his family, if that were the decision of the Asher Committee. He added that he had no intention of depriving his family of the property which he had acquired over many years.

He expressed astonishment that a differentiation should be made between the present situation and that in the past, when lawyers holding ministerial appointments handed their practices over to family members, and farmers bled on to their farms.

Jerusalem to get 16 new synagogues

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sixteen synagogues and four mikvot are to be built in Jerusalem during the next two years, the municipal spokesman said yesterday.

The synagogues, which will cost IL100,000 each, are to be pre-cast dome enabling speedy and cheap construction. One such synagogue has been built at Neve Ya'acov. Two new ones are to be built in each of the following neighbourhoods: French Hill, Gilo, the Pat Houses, Ramot, Ramat Danya, Ramot Shareit and East Talpott. Synagogues also will be built at Ma'alot Dafna and Kiryat Menachem.

The total cost of IL16m. is being met by the Municipality and Jerusalem Religious Council.

We will bring my dearly beloved wife, our mother and grandmother

SARAH BARACH

of Chicago

to her final resting place, Ponevez Cemetery, Enel Brak, on Wednesday, July 27, at 10 a.m. (Bus 54).

We shall observe mourning from 3 p.m. on July 27, at 32 Rehov Tchernichowsky, Jerusalem.

Mr. Sol Barach
Mr. & Mrs. S. Garfunkel
Mr. & Mrs. E. Cooper
Mr. & Mrs. I. Barach
Rabbi & Mrs. R. Levy
Dr. & Mrs. H. Barach
Her Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren

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The reinterment of

LEIB MERKIN

of New York

will take place on Tuesday, August 2, 1977.

Family and friends will meet at the entrance of the cemetery of Har Menuchem, Jerusalem at 4 p.m.

Families:
Merkin, New York
Lindan, Tel Aviv
Bondi, Rehovot

Aluf-Mishne Yitzhak Shani, whose appointment as chief army censor went into effect last Friday. Born in Tel Aviv in 1936, Shani has been acting chief censor since May 31.

U.S. debates arms sales to Egypt

WASHINGTON. — The Carter Administration last night began consultations with Congress on the proposed sale of \$200 million worth of military equipment to Egypt, including 14 C-130 light transport aircraft.

The proposed sale, which is bound to arouse controversy on Capitol Hill, also includes pilotless reconnaissance planes — known as drones — sophisticated cameras for surveillance, and other military equipment.

This would be the first U.S. sale of arms to Egypt since last year's sale of six C-130's.

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right," Begin said. "This dispute will blow over."

The chairman of the NRP faction, Yehuda Ben-Meir, said it was important for Begin to brief the committee before briefing the plenum. Ben-Meir said the Alignment leaders had behaved in an unprecedented manner and deserved every blame. However, Ben-Meir said, the request to hear Begin was common to the coalition and the opposition men on the committee alike.

Entering the plenum chamber yesterday, Begin received warm welcomes from all sides of the House. He went demonstratively over to shake hands with Labour's Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin. He even had a hug to spare for Aryeh Eliaz (Shelli) and he spent several minutes bobbing with Prof. Yigael Yadin (DMC) about the ongoing coalition negotiations.

While Begin sat in his chair at the head of the horseshoe cabinet table, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan walked around sat down next to him, but without a bug, a smile or a handshake. Businesslike and true to form, Dayan passed Begin the text of the cable from Washington Ambassador Simha Dinitz about the summons he got from Undersecretary of State Alfred Ahterthon and the sharp U.S. criticism of West Bank settlement plans.

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countries that maintain diplomatic relations with Israel.

Yoram Hamtuch adds from Beirut:

There were heavy exchanges of fire between terrorists and Lebanese forces in the Marjayoun area yesterday. Both sides used artillery, mortars and small arms in the exchanges, which occurred early in the morning and again in the afternoon.

From the Israeli side of the border, tanks belonging to the Lebanese forces were seen firing on the terrorist-controlled harraks in Khiam, some 2.5 km. north of here. At least four Lebanese were wounded and treated in Israel, and one was brought to Haifa in an Air Force helicopter.

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Eritreans claim Israel is helping Ethiopians

BEIRUT (UPI). — The Eritrean Liberation Front charged yesterday that Israel was helping train Ethiopia's 300,000 strong peasant army, and had dispatched patrol boats to keep Eritrean secessionists from occupying the Red Sea port of Massawa.

The secessionist group also charged that Addis Ababa had signed a "secret agreement" with Israel a month ago providing for future Israeli training of Ethiopia's navy.

In a Beirut communiqué, the front dismissed as "fabrications" recent claims by Ethiopia's pro-Soviet strongman Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam that there had been no talks with the Israelis since the overthrow of the late Haile Selassie in 1974.

All the detachments of the Eritrean revolution possess information on Israeli participation in the training of the Ethiopian peasant army," the communiqué said.

It said that a "secret agreement" concluded between Israel and Ethiopia one month ago "stipulated

that Israel will train the Ethiopian navy and send swift patrol boats to the Eritrean port of Massawa to stop its occupation by the Eritrean Liberation Front.

The statement did not say when the attempted takeover of Massawa occurred.

The charges follow a story published on Monday saying about 80 or 40 Israeli undercover agents are training Ethiopians in counter-insurgency techniques.

The story cited informed sources in Washington.

Mengistu, who became undisputed Ethiopian leader after a bloody palace coup last February, denied he had "any relations whatsoever" with the Israelis in an interview published by the Lebanese leftist weekly "al-Horrah."

In an indication of his firm avoidance of contacts with Israel, Mengistu said he had invited the PLO to open an office in Ethiopia. The PLO headquarters would be in the former Israeli embassy, Mengistu told "al-Horrah."

State Dept. condemns bombing of pro-Israel lobbyist's home

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday condemned this week's bombing of Morris Amity's home here.

A spokesman said that the U.S. government "deplores this reprehensible" act. "We are very happy that Mr. Amity and his family are safe," the spokesman added.

Amity, executive director of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, is a prominent American Jewish lobbyist. His home in suburban Washington was bombed early Monday morning, causing extensive damage. No one was injured.

Police and Federal agents were continuing their investigation into the bombing yesterday. So far, however, they have no indication of a motive. No suspects have yet been arrested.

The incident has shocked American Jewish leaders and others, who fear that it might have been politically motivated.

Readers reported from Chicago yesterday that the American-Arab Relations Committee (AARC) has also condemned the bombing. Dr. M.T. Mehdi, president of the AARC, said in a statement that he condemned the "terrorist attack" — even if it might have been the work of "a Palestinian or a pro-Palestinian organization."

He said he had sent a telegram to Amity, inviting him "regardless of our opposing views and positions" to join forces in declaring "our opposition to violence in America."

"Violence to settle political issues has no place here," he wrote.

Rabin invitation to W. German Chancellor still stands

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt may yet visit Israel during 1977, according to government officials in Jerusalem. At any rate, the officials said, the invitation extended to Schmidt to visit Israel by former Premier Rabin was still valid — as was the Chancellor's acceptance-in-principle — and Israel was expecting him to come, if not this year, then early next year.

The same point was emphasized recently by Foreign Minister Dayan in a conversation with outgoing German Ambassador, Per-Fischer. Dayan assured the envoy that Israel was anxious to have the invitation and acceptance translated into action, and that the visiting Chancellor

would be accorded every honour and courtesy due to the head of a friendly state.

Immediately following the May 11 elections there was some uncertainty in Germany and among diplomatic observers as to how the Begin government would handle relations with Germany, in view of the new Premier's original opposition to their establishment and his consistent abjuring of German statehood and other representations.

But ministers and senior officials have actively sought, to dispel any such concern, and the feeling now in Jerusalem and in Bonn is that the two countries will continue to develop normally.

Bus, train fares going up 25%

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The prices of bus and train fares will go up an average of 25 per cent on August 1, Ehud Shilo, director-general of the Ministry of Transport, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

He expects to have a complete price schedule for all lines by tomorrow.

Shilo pointed out that the ministry had rejected Egged's proposal to raise fares on urban lines more than

25 per cent so that the hikes on interurban lines would not appear so steep. Egged claimed that the steep rise of fares in interurban lines will result in a drop in passengers.

Shilo said reductions for children and senior citizens will continue, and the cooperatives will continue to issue the multiple-ride tickets at reduced rates.

The haulage fares on trains will go up by 15 per cent, while the trucks will raise their fares by 10 per cent.

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would recognize that there was "nothing new" in it.

The same would be true, the officials continued, regarding the scheduled laying of two cornerstones to settlements in the Rafah Salient today. These two settlements, too, were existing entities, work on their infrastructure having begun more than a year ago, and the corner-stone layings were just a formality, not a new departure.

Meanwhile, Premier Begin himself denied a report yesterday that he had promised President Carter that new settlements would not be established in the administered areas at least until October 19, the date he had proposed for the reconvening of the Geneva conference.

"I ask for patience," Begin said. "But I will say no more other than to assert that that report is without foundation."

Village wallows in mismanagement

STATE COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In his report on three villages in Galilee, the State Comptroller finds that Beilin and Kfar Kana are badly mismanaged, but tiny Shavell Zion is virtually a model of initiative by its local authority.

Beilin has a population of 2,700 Christians and 1,720 Moslems. Most of the populace works outside the village, mainly in construction and industrial jobs in the Haifa area, while the others are farmers, traders and artisans in the village.

The 11-man local council, representing nine different clans, has switched its chairman four times since 1973, because of local political changes. Last November, an Interior Ministry committee recommended dissolving the council and replacing it with an appointed one.

The comptroller found that the council did not hold regular meetings as required by law. The schools in the village are in a poor state and the council does not bother to collect the requisite school fees in the local high school. The comptroller strongly recommends that the village make use of the funds which the Education Ministry provides for improving schools.

The council's bookkeeping comes in for extensive criticism from the comptroller. The council failed to pay hospitalization fees for welfare cases, even though the Welfare Ministry provided the funds; and failed to properly register the working hours, vacations and absences of its employees.

Some of the strongest criticism is reserved for hygiene in the village, where 60,000 pigs are raised by 13

breeders. The council had done nothing to ensure basic hygiene in the sties. The situation is so bad that the Health Ministry has refused since 1972 to renew the permits, but the breeders are continuing to operate the sties anyway. Furthermore, although the local abattoir is designed to handle only 90 animals a day, 200 are slaughtered; and nothing is being done to enforce the law, despite a closure order from the Veterinary Service presented last December.

The council's ineptitude is noted throughout the comptroller's report, and includes failure to collect taxes; granting illegal exemptions; and paying employees over and above what is owed to them.

The comptroller concludes that the Beilin council gave its residents only limited services — and even these were not on a proper level.

At Kfar Kana, the population is comprised of 4,500 Moslems and 1,700 Christians. The council, elected in 1976, replaced an appointed council. Because of local clan differences, elections had previously been ruled out. The comptroller found that the sub-committees for management of various activities had been appointed by the council, but only one of them had held any meetings.

The schools in the village were also in a bad state, and though most parents had been granted reductions of high school fees, the council had not bothered to collect funds that were owed. Nor had the council carried out its duties in controlling business licences in the village. The local butchers ignore the law and slaughter animals outside their

shops, without any veterinary supervision. The comptroller also urged that council appoint sanitation and hygiene workers, in accordance with the law.

The council failed to exert much control over the contractors it had engaged for road works, so that one job, budgeted at IL312,000 ended up costing IL4.2m. without a proper explanation for the four-fold increase. The council also neglected to register debts in its balance sheet and had fallen far behind in the collection of local rates.

The comptroller concludes that though the council had executed the linking of the village to the electricity grid, put up schools and built roads, many shortcomings were discovered in the management of these projects.

In tiny, 480-population Shavell Zion, the seven-man council emerges with flying colours from the comptroller's report, with only a few exceptions. The village, which has only one welfare case, was criticized for not having enforced renewal of bicycle licences. The council was also gently rapped for having carried out improvements on its public bathing beach without first making a comprehensive survey and development plan, as well as for failing

Claims of police brutality drop 25% in Tel Aviv

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A total of 171 charges of brutality were filed against Tel Aviv policemen between January 1 and July 1, 1976. This compares with 227 charges filed in the same period last year.

Between 30 and 35 per cent of the complaints were warranted, he added.

Danon said this year's figures show a 25 per cent drop over the similar period in 1976. He attributed this to disciplinary steps taken by police commanders, including fines of up to IL5,000, demotions and, in some cases, suspended jail sentences.

In addition to complaints of police brutality, there were 200 complaints about the police in the performance of their duties, Danon said, compared to 227 such complaints in the corresponding period last year.

Danon said his office receives about 10 complaints each month concerning police behaviour and about 500 complaints monthly concerning traffic violations by police vehicles. There were no complaints this year about police dishonesty, Danon recalled that there were four to five such cases in 1976.

Determining whether a complaint is justified is the function of a police officer, generally with the rank of sergeant, at the precinct station where the action allegedly occurred. All complaints concerning use of excessive force, dishonesty or other

serious matters are passed on to National Police Headquarters.

Minor complaints are investigated at the precinct level and, when warranted, brought to Danon's attention. His approval is necessary for the implementation of certain punishments, and he can decide if the offending policeman is to be tried.

Complaints at National Headquarters may be dismissed or result in a reprimand or trial of the police officer involved.

Cases involving criminal actions may be turned over to the District Attorney for trial by civilian judges. Three police judges at National Headquarters deal with cases that are brought before the police disciplinary court. Each district also has its own judge for lesser offences.

Questioned about the fairness of procedure in which policemen are judged by other policemen, Danon pointed out that no one, including the police themselves, favours improper behaviour by a colleague.

Should a question arise of fellow-policemen lying to save an offender's skin, this can be ascertained by his detector tests, he said. The main aim of an investigation, he said, is to establish what in fact happened. Officers investigating cases have a completely free hand and interference of any sort is unthinkable, he said.

Agan-Nitzav Danon was for many years attached to the Juvenile Division before being appointed Police Ombudsman two years ago.



Singer Yehoram Gaon, 33, and his bride, Orna Goldfarb, 17, were married yesterday by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef in the Yehonatan Ben Zakai Synagogue in Jerusalem's Old City. The marriage was postponed four months ago because the girl had not reached legal age. (Eli Herakowitz — Sunphoto)

Deaf Jews to seek Halachic amendment of 'fools' status

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deaf Jews will seek a new Halachic ruling to remove them from the category of "fools and minors" in which Jewish law currently places them, the director of the Israel Association of the Deaf said yesterday.

Under Halacha, noted Issachar Goldrat, deaf persons may not serve as witnesses in court, participate in a minyan or take part in other ritual activities.

Goldrat emphasized his organization doesn't want to change Jewish law — "But we feel a more modern interpretation can be given to it so that the deaf will not have to be totally left out of Jewish life," he said.

Goldrat was speaking at a press conference called to announce the First World Congress of the Jewish Deaf to be held at the Pal Hotel here from Sunday to August 6. Some 500 deaf persons from 13 countries are expected to attend.

On Sunday, delegates to the convention will attend a cornerstone laying ceremony for a new youth centre and dormitory being built near Helen Keller House. The building will provide housing for deaf youngsters coming to Tel Aviv for vocational training and rehabilitation. The deaf dance troupe "Lahakat Hadmama" will have a rehearsal ball there, and the

building also will provide sports facilities. The first stage of construction was made possible by a donation of IL4m. from the Montreal Jewish community, with matching funds from the Ministry of Education.

On Monday evening, Rabbi Shlomo Goren will address the official opening ceremony of the convention. Tuesday and Wednesday will be devoted to deliberations. Topics will include the problem of the deaf in Jewish life (including a session on the use of sign language and finger spelling to teach religious concepts), rehabilitation programmes available to the deaf, the life of the deaf in different countries and other subjects of interest to the deaf and to those who work with them.

All of the discussions will be translated from oral speech into sign language. Despite the great differences in sign language, social contact between the deaf from different parts of the world outside the conference room is expected to be lively.

On Thursday, the visitors will spend the day in Jerusalem, planting trees, attending a reception at the President's residence and meeting with the Sephardi Chief Rabbi, Ovadia Yosef.

Friday and Saturday will be devoted to social activities and tours.

Eban cleared of concealing income

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ahne Eban did not attempt to conceal from the tax authorities income he had earned abroad, the committee appointed by the authorities concluded at the end of its investigation into the MK's affairs yesterday.

The investigation was instigated by the income tax authorities following press reports concerning bank accounts held by Eban abroad. The three investigators appointed to look into the affair compared the MK's tax returns with Treasury records of his foreign accounts, and came to the conclusion that there had been no attempt to conceal income from the tax authorities.

Even before the affair came to public notice, Eban had asked to amend his tax declarations and had in fact done so.

Hospital staff strike averted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A strike by the non-medical staff of government hospitals has been averted, the Health Ministry announced yesterday.

The workers had threatened to strike on Monday, because they had not yet received all the payments promised them in the agreement which ended their latest dispute in February. Health Ministry Director-General Ya'acov Menzel promised the workers that all payments due to them under the agreement would be paid to them in their August paycheck, at the latest.

Romy Shalem, who heads the hospital workers union, met with Health Minister Eliezer Shostak yesterday, together with the secretary of the civil servants union, Haim Bernstein.

Sanitary check ordered at Bikur Holim hospital

Ya'acov Menzel, director-general of the Ministry of Health, ordered the Jerusalem District Medical Officer yesterday to investigate conditions in the capital's Bikur Holim hospital. The order follows complaints that the sanitary conditions in the hospital, especially in the children's ward, were unsatisfactory.

The director-general also asked for a similar report from the director of the hospital itself. The Health Ministry noted yesterday that during the last three years it has made several efforts to help the hospital improve conditions. The ministry stressed that such help would not infringe on the special character of the hospital.

A SEMINAR on "The Bible and Us" will open at Bar Ilan University today, with 40 academics from Israel and the U.S. taking part. The seminar will be opened by Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer.

Likud-NRP coalition expected to bring more aliya from U.S.

By JUDY BIGGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The rise of the Likud-National Religious Party coalition to power will induce a wave of aliya among American Jews looking for a new spirit in Israel, according to Rabbi Zalman Yosef Shatzman, chairman of the board of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi.

"Religious Jews in the U.S. have the feeling that Begin will make the country more Jewish," said Rabbi Shatzman, who is here to attend the organization's 70th anniversary conference opening in Jerusalem's Hechal Shlomo tomorrow night. "The Prime Minister didn't meet during the nine days before Tisha be'Av (as required by Halacha) and visited the Western Wall after being asked to form a government. The symbolic value of these actions are very important."

Orthodox Jews who are comfortable in the Diaspora will no longer have the excuse they have used when asked why they haven't come on aliya — that Israel is not Jewish enough, said the rabbi, who is

spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Flatbush in Brooklyn and said he intends to immigrate in a few years.

The Mizrachi (also known as Religious Zionists of America) will urge the new government to push for a halachic interpretation of the Law of Return, in which only Jews who were converted according to Jewish Law would be considered Jews. "This is the time to do it," the rabbi insists. "It would have a great impact all over the world and help stem the tide of intermarriage, which is estimated at 40 per cent or more among American Jews."

The Mizrachi convention, to be attended by hundreds of delegates from Israel and abroad, will discuss support for the Bnei Akiva movement and yeshivot, religious problems in Israel and support for Zionism.

It will also touch on the image of Mizrachi, which was tarnished when one of its former leaders, Bernard Bergman, pleaded guilty in a New York court last year to a \$1.2m. fraud involving the operation of his nursing homes.

What can be done about Hiriya dump?

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The new minister of health has called on the Dan region garbage disposal union to put an end to the pollution and environmental hazards originating from the Hiriya dump.

The minister, Eliezer Shostak, says in a message directed to the workers of Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Petah Tikva, Givatayim, and Bnei Brak that the heaps of refuse at Hiriya have been catching fire lately and emitting a heavy stench and dark clouds of smoke, "making the lives of nearby residents unbearable."

Worst-affected are the residents of Ramat Gan, whose mayor, Dr. Israel Peled, sent telegrams to the ministers of interior and health to protest against the ecological hazard.

However, while Shostak and Peled

are agreed about the gravity of the situation, they differ with regard to the solution.

The minister of health suggests that the Dan region union start immediately to implement its undertaking to cover the refuse with earth in order to prevent future fires.

Peled, however, maintains that this method has been tried but has proved ineffective, since the amount of garbage greatly exceeds the amount of sand available to cover it. "The ultimate solution lies in moving the dump to an area with sandy soil where it could be buried," Peled said.

The union has, in fact, been campaigning for eliminating the Hiriya dump and transporting the region's garbage to the Ashdod sand dunes for burial there. But Ashdod has voiced objections to the plan and the matter is yet to be resolved.

IPO fakes Tchaikovsky's booms

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Conductor Zubin Mehta raised his baton, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra began playing Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and fireworks lit the sky above Jaffa's Bloomfield Stadium. The cannons boomed. The artillery fire, however, was counterfeit.

The audience of many thousands at the city's free outdoor concert listened to recorded sound effects instead of real blasts, due to the Chief of Staff's refusal to allow the use of one of the IDF's antiquated cannons. The refusal was explained as an economy measure.

Apart from the missing cannon,

yesterday's concert went off without a hitch. Many residents of Jaffa and South Tel Aviv flocked to the stadium for their first taste of classical music. Some said they were attracted by the fireworks display and by the cannon controversy.

The decision to use recorded sound effects came after the city failed in its last ditch attempt to borrow a cannon from several museums, including the Hagana Museum in town.

A similar situation may arise next Sunday, July 31, when another free outdoor concert by the IPO is scheduled. The 1812 Overture will be performed again, this time at Kikar Malchei Yisrael.

Youths held for bogus emergency calls

HAIFA (Htm). — Two youths were ordered remanded for seven days by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday for making false reports to the police about sabotage attempts, murders and brawls in the Kiryat Ata area.

The youths, aged 15 and 17, were arrested after police received a number of bogus telephone calls last week. In each case they had taken the call seriously and had dispatched patrol cars to investigate. One call reported a body lying in the street.

Elijah's cave dirty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The annual pilgrimage to the cave of the prophet Elijah, on the slope of the Carmel, which was to have taken place next Sunday, has been cancelled because of the dirt and filth that have accumulated there.

"Thousands of Israelis make the pilgrimage each year, including Haifa's chief rabbis and the leaders of the Oriental communities.

Death-related diabetes drug still being used in Israel

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A diabetes drug which U.S. health authorities banned yesterday because its side effects may have been responsible for as many as 1,000 deaths a year, is being used in Israel, Health Ministry sources said yesterday.

The drug, phenformin (marketed under the brand names DBI and Metrol) is used in pill form in early stages of diabetes. However, a side effect results in an excess of lactic acid which can upset the body's chemical balance.

Dr. Sidney Wolfe, who heads a health research group for U.S. consumer champion Ralph Nader, estimated that up to 1,000 people could be dying from the effects every year. Health, Education and Welfare Secretary John Califano estimates that the possible number of deaths as up to 700.

Califano gave doctors 90 days in which to switch patients to other drugs or control the disease with strict diets. The U.S. usually allows a far longer period to stop the use of drugs considered dangerous. But he declared phenformin an "imminent hazard to health" under a power granted 15 years ago but never before used.

Health Ministry sources said yesterday that they are waiting for information on the drug from the U.S. authorities before they take any action. The information, which they expect "within a very short time," will explain the scientific reason for the U.S. action.

The Health Ministry sources also noted that they and local doctors using the drug are aware of the possible side effects. A warning is also found on the drug itself.

Singer Kraus fined for smashing night-club belonging to rival

TEL AVIV (Htm). — Singer and night-club owner Shmuel Kraus was fined IL1,500 in Magistrate's Court here yesterday and given a three-month suspended sentence for smashing furniture and crockery in a rival club.

Police told the court that on June 13 Kraus had gone into the night-club — which is in the same building as his own on the Herbert Samuel esplanade here — and systematically smashed tables, crockery and glasses. He was also charged with threatening the owner of the club, but this charge was dropped when the singer agreed to admit to the first charge.

The three-month suspended sentence will be enforced if Kraus is convicted of any offence involving the destruction of property, threats or violence during the next three years.

After he had paid his fine, Kraus — who appeared in court on crutches — was taken to an adjoining court where he is facing an assault charge. The police woman accompanying him asked that he be released on bail, and this was paid after Kraus had first tried to convince the judge, unsuccessfully, that the police woman should sign the bond as she had requested it.

The singer was not released, however, as it emerged that he still had to serve another two days in the Jaffa lock-up for smoking hashish in his cell. Before being taken back to the lock-up, Kraus tried to hold an impromptu press conference to complain what he alleged to be "police torture," but this was soon broken up after a commotion was started in the corridor of the courthouse.

Kraus has faced a number of drug and assault charges in the past.

Large cocaine cache found in Holon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON. — A 53-year-old businessman and his wife, 37, were arrested here yesterday for possession of a large cache of cocaine worth some IL300,000 near the entrance to their apartment Monday night.

According to one police source, this is the largest amount of cocaine that has ever been seized in Israel. In all of 1976 Tel Aviv police seized only 37 grams.

Police were refusing to release at this stage many details about the

seizure, but it was learned that the man is an importer of paying materials from South America, and that he and his wife returned from a visit to a South American country only a few months ago.

The drug was found wrapped in plastic in the electrical outlet box near the entrance to their apartment in Rehov Jabotinsky here.

While cocaine sniffing is very much in vogue in the U.S. and in some Western European countries, the use of the drug here is fairly rare. More arrests are imminent.

A group of prisoners who force their cellmates to perform homosexual acts. The accused, Yosef Ka'abia, 19, was brought before Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday following a police investigation opened after a complaint from an attacked prisoner. He was ordered held for 15 days to isolate him from the other prisoners.

A PAIR OF American musicians were arrested in Jerusalem early yesterday morning on suspicion of using dangerous drugs. Police report that equipment for smoking drugs as well as a substance suspected of being a drug were found in their possession.

MALKA BARDA, who was accused at the beginning of the week of stealing IL10,000 from a Tel Aviv restaurant owner, was released on bail yesterday after the man failed to identify her in a police line-up. The suspect was arrested after the restaurant owner claimed that a young girl, to whom he gave a ride in his car, threatened him with a knife and robbed him of a bag which contained the day's earnings. The suspect had denied all connection with the incident.

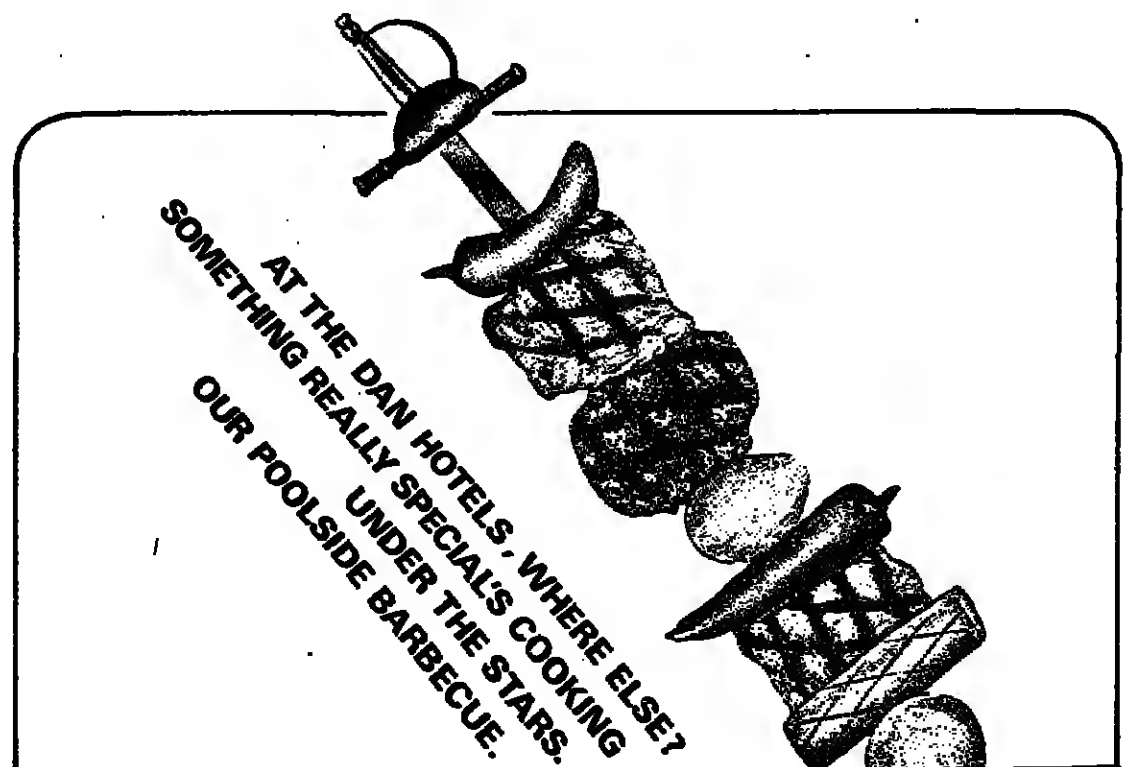
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Hussein warns of war, upheavals if Middle East peace moves fail

By DAVID PEARCE

AMMAN. — King Hussein of Jordan says that war and upheavals throughout the Middle East are inevitable if peace moves fail, and the U.S. has a role of "the greatest importance" to play.

In a wide-ranging interview with UPI, the 42-year-old Hashemite monarch also:

- Expressed the hope that U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance would bring a clear-cut American position to the Middle East on his forthcoming tour following President Carter's contacts with Middle East leaders.

- Cautioned that without careful groundwork, above all by the U.S., a Geneva peace conference could fail with "disastrous results."

- Said there will be no solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict until Israel withdraws from territories occupied in 1967 and the rights of the Palestinians are recognized.

- Declared that Arab moderates would be unable to pursue their policies if these policies produced no results and said a "radical wave" will overrun the area if there is no progress towards a just and durable peace.

- Warned that continued fighting in south Lebanon could provide the "flashpoint" that could develop the entire area in a new confrontation.

- Recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the representative of the Palestinians but said no agreement on the future of the West Bank would be meaningful until the residents of the territory choose their own leadership and decide for themselves the direction of their political future.

Asked if he thought a Palestinian West Bank state would opt for close ties with Jordan, Hussein said: "I have great faith in the overwhelming majority of Palestinians. I believe they seek a life of dignity and freedom. They seek their rights and given a chance — without any form of pressure from any quarter under condition of freedom — whatever their choice, I believe it is one we can live with."

Hussein said: "There are tremendous obstacles ahead, not the least of which is the fact that Israel is stronger than ever militarily and her leadership is known to be extreme in terms of both its views and attitudes. The danger is there and I have warned many a time against over-optimism."

Asked if he thought the Arabs would turn increasingly to the Soviet Union in the event that U.S.-sponsored peace efforts failed, he said: "I don't think of necessity this

would happen but a more radical wave would overrun this area if there was no progress toward a just and durable peace. It would be one of despair and despondency, continued suffering — the pendulum would begin to swing the other way. Those who appear to be — and genuinely are — concerned that moderation, reason and logic should prevail would find difficulties in pursuing their policies if these policies prove fruitless in terms of results."

China charges U.S., Russia monopolize world seabeds

HONG KONG (UPI). — China said this week that the international seabed belongs to all mankind and neither the Soviet Union nor the U.S. should be allowed to monopolize it.

An article in the Communist Party newspaper "People's Daily" noted the economic and military importance of the seabed and said the two superpowers are trying to heat each other in securing "maritime hegemony."

The Americans and the Russians, the article said, "in an attempt to plunder unscrupulously the strategic and raw materials in the seabed, have made large-scale surveys and pilot exploitation of manganese nodules."

China says experts staying in Albania, aid to continue

PEKING (Reuters). — China last night officially denied international news agency reports suggesting that Albania was ending Peking's aid programme in the tiny Balkan state.

Reuters yesterday quoted an informed source in Belgrade as saying that Albania had told China there was no need for their experts to stay in the country beyond a certain point.

"The reports from Belgrade are unfounded," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. "China did not stop her assistance to Albania."

"Neither has China received notification concerning Chinese experts as described in these reports," the spokesman added.

He singled out the situation in south Lebanon as "dangerous, a highly explosive situation that could be ignited at any time."

He expressed the fear of Israel leaders thinking in what he called "adventurous terms" and said: "I don't think south Lebanon is the only target (but) that it might be the flashpoint that could involve this entire area in a new confrontation with disastrous results."

King Hussein flew to Tehran yesterday for Middle East and bilateral talks with Shab Reza Pahlavi. He is accompanied on his visit by Prime Minister Mudar Badran and other government and royal cabinet officials.

Spain holds 8 kidnappers of Paris Fiat chief

PARIS (AP). — A Latin American kidnap squad that released an Italian businessman after 60 days in exchange for a \$2m ransom has been arrested in Spain, French police announced yesterday.

Jean Ducret, who headed the French police investigation, said Swiss authorities recovered \$1.3m of the ransom, with the remaining \$500,000 presumably spent for high living and luxury cars in the kidnappers' Spanish hideouts.

The executive, Luciano Revelli-Beaumont of the giant Fiat auto empire, was abducted on April 13 in front of his home in the chic 16th District of Paris, where he was poe to head Fiat's French operations.

He was released on July 11 after payment of the ransom in Switzerland according to instructions handed down in secret contacts between the Revelli-Beaumont family and the kidnappers.

Ducret said French legal authorities have asked their Spanish counterparts for extradition of the eight middle-aged Argentinians arrested in Spain, including one woman. A ninth member of the kidnap gang was arrested in Paris and more arrests could possibly follow, he added.

Police in Madrid said privately that six Argentinians were arrested. There was no immediate explanation for the conflicting counts.

Blast at Alaska oil line
FAIRBANKS (UPI). — An explosive device was set off near the Trans-Alaska pipeline Monday night, damaging some insulation.

Alaska police said the oil flow was not disrupted by the blast because the pipeline itself was not harmed.

The scene of the explosion was 33 km. from Fairbanks near the Elliott highway, police said.



Somewhere in Somalia: Somali women train with wooden rifles during a recent exercise at an undisclosed location. (UPI)

Tear-gas, fire routs black student march

JOHANNESBURG (UPI). — Police fired shotguns in the air and used tear-gas yesterday to disperse a protest by black students in Alexandra township who carried placards demanding the release of two detained student leaders, a police official said.

Maj.-Gen. Willem Kotze, a divisional commissioner of police, said the students stoned a "school for coloureds" and a church in the black township adjacent to Johannesburg's exclusive white suburbs.

"In two separate occasions (the police) fired shotguns in the air, but nobody was hurt. It was just to scare them off," he said. He denied reports that tear-gas was used, but other police sources said canisters were fired to break up the demonstration.

Kotze said the students "broke some windows" in the Alexandra church and a window in a truck from the Department of Bantu Administration was shattered by flying rocks. He said there were three arrests in connection with the demonstration but no injuries.

Meanwhile in Pretoria, an estimated 20,000 black students boycotted classes for the second straight day in the black townships of Atteridgeville and Soutville, about 6 km-north-east of the South African capital.

The townships' 20 schools closed on Monday when representatives of the Pretoria Students Representative Council (PSRC) visited schools and told students to leave.

The PSRC issued a statement yesterday belittling Bantu (African) education as "producing only homelands leaders." Homelands, or Bantustans, are an integral part of the apartheid system and are areas reserved for tribes of black Africans where they are free to exercise their political rights.

The statement called for ethnically structured school boards to disband effective today. The call is similar to one made by African students in Soweto over the last month that resulted in seven school boards breaking up.

'Sufficient progress' in nuclear test ban talks

By JOHN A. CALLOTT

GENEVA (UPI). — The U.S., the Soviet Union and Britain believe sufficient progress has been made in two weeks of talks to warrant substantive negotiations in October on banning all nuclear tests, Western diplomats disclosed yesterday.

Current trilateral exploratory talks, which began July 18, will probably be concluded today with U.S., Soviet and British delegates due to make separate statements tomorrow at a meeting of the 30-nation Geneva Disarmament Conference, the diplomats said.

The complete banning of nuclear testing, considered a vital step towards nuclear disarmament, has eluded the major nuclear powers since 1958.

In a cautious description of the exploratory round, diplomats said it would be incorrect to say that sufficient common ground had been established to permit negotiators next October to get right down to the actual drafting of a comprehensive test ban treaty. Rather, the informants said, sufficient common ground was found to permit the opening of "substantive" negotiations later in the year.

A major problem remains the

'Total victory' in sight Somali-backed rebels claim 10,000 P-o-Ws

NAIROBI (UPI). — As heavy fighting continued in southeast Ethiopia and Somali-backed insurgents claimed they were close to total victory, Kenya yesterday warned the entire Horn of Africa was being turned into an area of confrontation and political rivalry between the major powers.

"Political intrigues and distrust, economic discord and confrontation now characterise the general atmosphere in the area," foreign Minister Mungyu Waiyaki told a press luncheon as he warned of the rapidly deteriorating situation.

As he spoke, the Western Somali Liberation Front in Mogadishu, which has been battling Ethiopian troops for two months for control of the Ogaden Desert, issued a statement saying it was now close to a "total victory" in the campaign.

It reiterated claims its 3,000 guerrillas had captured three important towns in the Ogaden — Gode, Werder and Kebri Dehar — and had taken more than 1,000 prisoners-of-war.

Ethiopia radio repeated a report it first broadcast on Monday night saying its forces had destroyed 40 Somali tanks, four MIG 21s and one MIG 17 fighters, and killed a "large number" of Somali troops. The

Somalis shot down two transport planes, including one carrying women and children, the radio said. Neither victory report could be independently verified as Ogaden, comprising one-third of Ethiopia's land mass, is closed to all foreigners.

Waiyaki voiced Kenya's concern as the general situation continued to deteriorate. He accused unnamed countries — apparently referring to Somalia — of trying to acquire territory "through military conquest."

Earlier this month, the minister said, Mogadishu had invaded northern Kenya with 6,000 troops in an attempt to permanently annex the region into a "greater Somalia."

Somalia promptly denied the charges, but official government maps on display in Mogadishu still show the northern part of Kenya and the entire Ogaden as part of this "greater Somalia."

In Mogadishu the Somali Information Ministry disclosed that President Said Barre suffered light injuries in an automobile accident last Wednesday, but that he was now back in his office and continuing his work. The Ministry denied news agency reports that Barre was seriously hurt or that Vice-President Abu Bakr Ali was killed.

Taiwan suffers heavy damage from typhoon

TAIPEI, Taiwan (UPI). — The most powerful typhoon in Taiwan's recorded history has killed dozens of persons, injured thousands more and knocked out many of the island's 45,000 factories, officials said yesterday.

Typhoon Theima's winds of up to 193 km. per hour slammed into the port city of Keelung early Monday and in 90 minutes cut a wide swath of destruction across one-fourth of the island.

Provincial police reported 28 persons killed, six missing, 3,000 injured in Kaohsiung alone and at least 5,000 left homeless.

Hundreds of soldiers were rushed to the stricken areas to search for victims in the rubble of destroyed buildings and to help survivors.

The state-operated Taiwan Power Co. said 155 steel towers supporting high-tension power lines were ripped down, cutting power to one-quarter of the island, disrupting other sections and knocking out nearly all the 5,776 factories in the south and some of more than 39,000 elsewhere in the country.

Board chairman L.K. Chen said damage to the power system alone will amount to "hundreds of millions of U.S. dollars." Other official sources said damages could reach \$1b. or more.

Liz's beau jailed for fondling minor

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Henry Wynberg, Elizabeth Taylor's companion between her two marriages to Richard Burton, was yesterday jailed for 90 days for a sex act involving a 16-year-old schoolgirl.

Wynberg, 42, a Dutch-born former used car salesman, was taken straight from the courtroom to prison. He was also placed on five years' probation and fined \$1,250.

He was originally charged with 10 counts of contributing to the delinquency of four young girls at a sexual picture-taking session at his home late last year. Nine of the charges were later dropped and he was found guilty on the sole count of fondling a minor.

Warning on Swedish racism

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — Sweden's top immigration official said on Monday that clashes between gangs of Swedish youths, known as "Raggare," and Assyrian and Gypsy minorities were only the beginning of possible serious racial conflicts in Sweden.

"Things may well become far worse," immigration and naturalization board director Kjell Oberg said in an interview published in the newspaper "Aftonbladet."

"Year after year we've sat and condemned the U.S., but now the same things are happening here and we act just as disgustingly," he said.

In the industrial city of Soeder-taelfje recently, a gang of Raggare attacked a group of Assyrians, members of a Christian minority sect who came to Sweden from Turkey and the Middle East in the mid-1970's to escape what they describe as religious persecution there.

In the past few days Swedish youths have also clashed with gypsies living in a suburb of Malmo. Oberg expressed astonishment at the lack of public indignation in Sweden at the behavior of the Raggare towards racial minorities.

23 reported dead in Honduras crash

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS (UPI). — A Honduran air force plane carrying vacationing families crashed on Monday in the mountains near the city of Yoro, 128 km. north of this Central American capital, killing 23 of the 40 persons aboard, government officials said.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Culture, Information and Tourism said 17 persons, including several children, were injured, many of them seriously. The victims were mainly families who had travelled to Yoro for the annual Santiago fair over the weekend.

The plane, a propeller-driven DC3, crashed shortly after take-off on a return flight to Tegucigalpa Monday morning, the spokesman said. He indicated that the plane was probably overloaded.

South Korea wants \$2b. in aid before U.S. troops withdraw

SEOUL (UPI). — U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown yesterday completed two days of defence consultations without being able to allay South Korean fears that U.S. ground combat troops will be withdrawn before compensatory military aid measures can be pushed through Congress.

Senior U.S. officials here said the South Koreans were "obviously concerned" about reaction to a plan for \$2b. in military aid and credit by lawmakers who are now investigating influence-buying among their ranks by Korean lobbyists.

The issue surfaced in a joint communique, issued before Brown's departure for Tokyo, in which the two sides were unable to resolve differences over the pace of the assistance measures and the withdrawals.

South Korean Defence Minister Suh Jyong-Chul had called for such measures to be provided before the withdrawals take place and Brown responded that they would be done "in parallel." The final communique drafted by the two sides read "compensatory measures will be implemented in advance of or in parallel with the withdrawal."

The South Korean concern predated despite repeated reaffirmations of continuing commitment to South Korea's defence, including a letter from President Carter to President Park Chung Hee and a statement that the major portion of

the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division would remain in the country until the end of the four- to five-year withdrawal period.

"It is the firm intention of the U.S. to continue to be a military power in East Asia," Brown told a news conference in a further statement on the U.S. commitment. "There are and will continue to be in the future other U.S. forces available for rapid deployment here in the event of attack from North Korea," he said.

Officials said one source of concern among the Koreans about congressional feeling came as the result of a two-year delay in modernisation aid following withdrawal of the U.S. 7th Division in 1971. That delay resulted from congressional cuts.

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WE HAVE a new baby in our family and our number one granddaughter has been promoted (pushed upstairs) and granted the title of "big sister." The title was unthought and undeserved — the responsibilities of the new office are strenuously rejected, and the privileges that go with the new title are those which (in any case) she has always demanded (and received) as her birth-right. Nevertheless, in spite of her lack of enthusiasm, the title and the job are hers. Willy nilly, like it or not, like all first-born children, she must learn to play a new role in the family group.

The learning comes hard at three and a half. She is very often contrary and demanding, and she has been scolded more often in one week than in her whole lifetime prior to this period. She is obviously uncomfortable in her new circumstances, but she does have some consolation. People are bringing her lots of presents. Friends drop in to share our "simcha," and many who bring a gift for the new baby bring one for her as well. She not only gets a gift of her own, she discharges the function of the "big sister" by taking the responsibility for the baby's presents. As I watched some of these proceedings, I was touched by the thoughtfulness and generosity, and wanted to behave similarly. But in this behaviour (so positive on the part of friends and on a one-time basis) equally appropriate for grandparents?

As a grandmother, I don't really want to set a precedent of giving each of them gifts at the same time, no matter what the occasion. As a grandmother, I want to minimize jealousy, and bolster a positive self-image. As a grandmother, I want my contacts with my grandchildren to emphasize their individuality and their uniqueness. In short, I want my relationship with my grandchildren to be something very special. In order to achieve this, do I need to resort to a kind of consolation prize?

By definition, the consolation prize has a special meaning and usage. It consoles a loser, an "also-ran." It is the special favour passed out to the birthday-party guest who did not pin the tail on the donkey. It is the token gift which says, "You are not the man of the hour, but you're all right anyhow." As a social convention it is a lovely device — as a message to the grandchild whom I love so dearly, it might be a bit confusing. After all, "umbrellas" can't be accepted by her as a "small token of

Letter to a grandchild

ALL IN THE FAMILY / Eleanor Harris



The first-born needs no consolation prize from loving grandparents. (Rubinger)

my esteem" or as "a token of my small esteem"?

If my elder granddaughter could read, I would write her a letter like this:

"When you are only three or four years old and your new sister is getting lots of presents for her birthday (and yours is still many months away), it is difficult not to feel left out. Those beautiful presents she is getting on her special day mean that

we love her very much. You might even think that there won't be very much love (or very many presents) left for you.

"When you are a little older you will understand that, although a present is sometimes used to express love, love is not at all like presents. Love is all the time, not just for special occasions. Love can't ever be all used up, and no matter how much I give to your sister, it cannot

diminish the love I have for you one single little bit! Love can't ever be first or second, like prizes at a party, because it's always special and therefore incomparable.

"And to me you are always special and incomparable, so for me to give you an 'also' present on your sister's birthday would only detract from your sister's 'specialness' and do nothing to enhance your own. I don't want to demean the generous person I hope you will become tomorrow by catering to your childish pique today. I want presents (big ones, little ones, surprises or special treats) to mean something personal between us; and that is impossible if they are in any way dependent on, or connected to, any other person.

"I want to find a way to let you know that my love and esteem for you are constant and unique, but you will have to be patient with me, for I'm not sure that I will always know exactly the best way to do this. I only know that the special relationship that I hope will exist between us can never be expressed by gifts alone. And certainly not by a gift which, by its very nature, says, 'Today you are second best.' When you need to be consoled, let me find a way that says, 'I understand your jealousy, but I also have unlimited faith in your ability to cope and overcome.'"

"Therefore, from me there will be no 'equal but less equal', no 'second place awards', no 'consolation prizes' — there shall never be any need for small tokens because they would only believe my real feelings and diminish your true worth in my eyes."

PERSONAL MESSAGES to the readers:

• Thank you very much for your interest, and some very complimentary things you said in your letters.

• An apology to several readers who requested specific information and have been kept waiting. By the time this column appears, the information should be in the mail.

• Mathew's advice would be unprofessional on my part and worthless (if not harmful) to the recipient. If possible, letters requesting such advice are returned to the sender. On the other hand, questions of general interest — or your personal experiences in solving family problems — are always welcome. On the premise that we can all learn from one another, I shall be glad to incorporate such letters into the regular feature.

Recipe for recovery

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHEN Mussa Faked Tu'ami was injured by a bullet in the left side of his brain in 1955, the doctors were not optimistic about his recovery. At best, he might survive as a helpless cripple, was the medical opinion.

But medicine didn't reckon with the determination and perseverance of the strongly built *fellah*, a native of Irt village. Now, more than 20 years later, though his entire right side is paralyzed, Mussa drives a car, tends a show-piece garden on Mt. Carmel, has married and has two healthy sons, aged nine and eight.

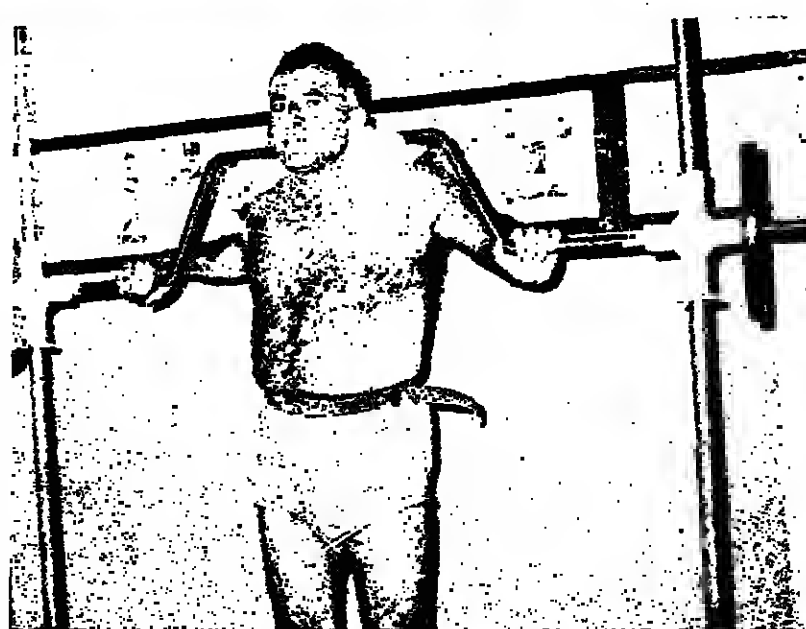
His secret is simple... gymnastics. Every day, or as often as he can, he attends the Shimsbon Physical Culture Institute in Haifa, his subscription paid for by the Defense Ministry, which has awarded him a 100 per cent invalids' pension.

It's been a long haul for Mussa, from the critically injured tracker who spent a whole year in hospital and convalescent home after he was wounded, to the handicapped but fully functioning man of 45. He ascribes his success solely to his determined exercising, and in some degree to his knowledge of herbs. "Since I left the convalescent home I've never taken a pill. I prefer exercising my pains away," Mussa told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"When I meet invalided servicemen or accident victims, I urge them to throw away their medicines and start exercising instead," he said.

Mussa, a member of the Greek Orthodox community, with a love for the Bible, was a natural tracker. He grew up on the land, first as a shepherd boy and later as a farmer; before he moved to Haifa, when his village was evacuated.

After his injury he decided not to bemoan his bad luck or spend his life complaining, but made up his mind to make the best of the situation, "which I could do by using my own hands and swallowing pills," he said.



Exercising with the specially rigged bellbars. (Rubner)

started exercising at the Shimsbon Institute almost 20 years ago, and has stuck to it, despite his handicap which makes it difficult for him even to change into gym clothes. Gradually, he progressed to a stage where his doctors "can't believe their eyes."

Though his right side is still completely paralyzed and he walks with a very pronounced limp, he can manage to lift a six kilo bar with his paralyzed right arm. Of course, he first has to wrap his useless hand round the bar with his good left hand. He is extremely proud of his achievement and determined to better it. "It takes time, but I have the patience," he explains.

Mussa keeps a busy schedule. Until a couple of years ago he used to tend not only his own garden, but those of his neighbours on the French Carmel, too. He gradually trained himself to use the gardening tools with his left hand, (the right hand before his injury), but was unable to use a hedge cutter.

"It's impossible to cut hedges with one hand," he regretfully concluded. So he used to employ an old friend of his for hedge cutting, and paid him most of his gardening fees for the job. When the old man died, Mussa regretfully had to give up the job, "the old man was better than that of Mt. Carmel," he insists.

and sweat he has turned it into a showpiece, yielding every kind of vegetable and herb, all neatly "hidden" behind borders of flowers, so that the passer-by gets the impression of just a decorative garden. "I know all the plants and herbs from childhood. I like them and enjoy eating them, and believe me they're healthy," he said.

To watch him tend the garden, which in fact belongs to a friend who shares the harvest with Mussa in return for his work, is a revelation. Mussa has taught himself to wield a hoe with his left hand and has evolved a way of using a spade.

His gardening is a labour of love. He digs hard and deep and treats every inch of the soil. The results are a pleasure to the eye and palate, a profusion of flowers, herbs, plants and fruit, that few city gardeners equal.

Cool, refreshing desserts

FROM MY JERUSALEM KITCHEN / Sybil Zimmerman

HOT WEATHER desserts should not only look and taste cool but should be filled with the natural flavours of the season's fruits and take the least amount of preparation. Often the most obvious fruits make the most delectable summer desserts.

BLACKBERRY-PINEAPPLE YOGHURT DESSERT

4 servings
2 containers blackberry yoghurt
2 containers pineapple yoghurt
1 large apple, cut up
1/2 cup green grapes
6 plums, cut up
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1. Slice fruit into a bowl. Four over yoghurt and nuts.
2. Mix well and serve.
Variations: Combine pineapple and apricot yoghurt and add sliced peaches. Combine strawberry and pineapple yoghurt and add sliced bananas. Combine apricot and strawberry yoghurt and add sliced oranges.

NESSELEODE-STYLE YOGHURT

4 servings
2 containers chocolate yoghurt
2 containers vanilla yoghurt
2 T. sifted almonds
2 T. grated chocolate
1/2 T. rum or rum flavouring
1/2 T. nutmeg
handful of raisins
whipped cream (optional)
1. Mix yoghurts in a bowl. Add almonds, raisins, rum or rum flavouring and nutmeg.
2. Spoon into dessert dishes; top with

grated chocolate and whipping cream.

BAKED GRAPEFRUIT

4 servings
2 halved grapefruits
2 T. brown sugar
1/2 cup coconut
1 T. rum extract
1. Cut fruit sections of grapefruit to loosen. Combine sugar, coconut and rum. Sprinkle over grapefruit.
2. Place in baking pan and bake in 400°F (200°C) oven for 20 minutes. Optional: serve with Ball upon preserves in centre of each half.

PARVE ICE CREAM PIE

15 crumbled cookies, very plain type
5 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup lemon juice
1/2 T. salt
1 jar parve whip
1. Separate eggs, placing yolks in a saucepan and whites in a bowl. Add 1/2 cup sugar, lemon juice and salt to egg yolks and beat until mixture starts to boil. Turn off heat and let cool.
2. Place two-thirds of the cookie crumbs into a greased pie plate. Set aside.
3. Beat egg whites until stiff. Add 1/2 cup sugar. Fold in yolk mixture. Beat parve whip until stiff. Fold parve whip into egg yolk-white mixture. Pour over crumb crust. Sprinkle rest of crumbs on top. Freeze for at least six hours. Variations: place of lemon juice: 1) 1 T. vanilla, 1 T. cocoa and 3 T. water or 2) 1/2 cup coffee.

By JOAN BORSTEN

HENRY WAXMAN became California's first Jewish Congressman three and a half years ago at the age of 34, representing a district which includes the Los Angeles "Borah Belt" and "is as safe for a Democrat as Mea Shearim is for Agudat Yisrael."

A month later he had wrangled himself a trip to the Middle East as part of a House Armed Services Committee delegation and made headlines as the first Jewish Congressman ever to visit Saudi Arabia. The feat required State Department intervention, however, because the Saudis had originally denied Waxman a visa. As King Fajal personally told the freshman Congressman in Riyadh, "there is no place in our country for Jews."

It was on that trip that Waxman first visited Israel. He went home to become one of this country's strongest supporters in the House of Representatives. And although he does not serve on any of the Congressional committees which deal with Israel, as a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee he recently helped lead an investigation of the Arab boycott. The results showed that many Americans were complying with the boycott and that during the Ford Administration the Secretary of State had circulated business opportunities containing boycott language. Strong anti-boycott measures were promptly enacted by the Congress.

Last November, accompanied by his wife Janet, Waxman returned to Israel via Cairo where he met with Sadat ("he annually sends me a Christmas card which I think is pretty ironic considering that neither of us is Christian") and Syria where the couple spent a Shabbat with the Damascus Jewish community (two of the few westerners ever permitted into the ghetto). Always a vocal Syrian government official, Waxman recalls how he managed to communicate his true feelings to the assembled Jews:

"The congregation had just finished reading the Parasha 'Lech Lecha' (Go on into the Promised Land), so I told them how moved I was by the reading and that I hoped Jews everywhere, including those in the room, could observe the commandment God gave Abraham. I felt comfortable that my Syrian chaplain wouldn't understand what I was talking about."

Since that trip, Janet Waxman — probably the only Congressional wife to keep a kosher home — has been active on behalf of Syrian Jewry in Washington.

A few weeks ago, Waxman was

Congressman foretold Carter, Begin rapport



Henry A. Waxman

back again, this time accompanying Steven Solarz (Democrat-New York), another very pro-Israel congressman (he represents America's most Jewish district) and a member of the House International Relations Committee. The purpose of the visit was to make their own assessment of the Begin government, to evaluate the possibilities for peace and future Arab-Israeli relations. ("My understanding of what is going on in Washington vis-a-vis Israel comes partially from the overseas edition of *The Jerusalem Post*, which I read because it gives more complete coverage than most American papers.")

Over a seven day period, Waxman and Solarz met with Begin and Sharon (Likud), Dayan, Burg (NRP), Porush (Agudat Yisrael), Yadin, Tamir, and Rubinstein (DMC), Eban and Peres (Labour), Ellav (Shelli), Hanna Zemer (editor of "Davar"), American Embassy officials, pollster Louis Guttman, personal friends, and former constituents who have settled here.

To squeeze everyone in, Waxman had to break his "no business conducted on Saturday" rule. He came away, however, most impressed with the smooth transition from Labour to Likud ("it

proves that Israel is a viable democracy"), and a feeling that Israel's democratic, too. He also sensed a growing national consensus behind Begin's rejection of a Palestinian state and of territorial concessions which may endanger Israel's security.

Of Begin himself, Waxman says: "He is a most articulate and convincing leader," predicting accurately that Carter and Begin would get along well because "both are men of deep conviction and openness of views" who would "come to admire and respect each other greatly."

For those Israelis who have doubts about Carter's post-election tactics, Waxman offered this reassurance: "I have talked to President Carter and am convinced of his commitment to the State of Israel. I think that in his public statements he has simply been trying to move Israelis and Arabs toward negotiations. It would be a mistake at this early stage in what we hope will be full-fledged negotiations between the countries involved for Carter's commitment to be misunderstood, or doubted. However, I hope that (after his talks with Begin) Carter will have an opportunity to come to visit Israel. The first-hand view I got this past week, and on my previous trips, have meant a great deal to my understanding of the Israeli point of view."

Just before his return to Washington, Waxman indicated that as a result of his many meetings, he personally had concluded Israel is open to all possibilities of peace, but that no concessions will be made unless there is a clear reciprocity from the Arab confrontation states. Unlike Carter, Waxman is not very taken with the Arabs, and agrees with most Israelis that "the essential ingredient of Arab willingness to negotiate a full peace has so far been lacking."

His visits to Egypt, Syria, Iran, and Saudi Arabia, he admits, have reinforced this belief:

"I remember seeing Faisal why, despite his public distinction between Jews and Zionists, he refused to allow Jews to visit his country. He told me that Jews are friends of his enemy and therefore his enemy. He also said that it was out of the question that Arabs could coexist with Israel. Jews, Christians, and Moslems could live together in Palestine, but only if Palestine were an Arab country."

"This kind of statement from a so-called moderate Arab leader has always left me apprehensive about the sincerity of Arab leaders who are less honest about their true intentions in their public statements than in their private statements."

A sense of achievement

BRIDGE / George E. Levinew

THE VIENNA COUP is one of the most dramatic squeeze plays, and when it succeeds it is an achievement. South Africa, second to Israel in the Maccabiah Bridge Championships, worked it against Mexico in today's deal.

WEST
♠ 853
♥ 75
♦ 45
♣ A976

EAST
♠ J1082
♥ Q10643
♦ Q10643
♣ Q10643

South was declarer in a contract of six spades. The opening lead was the club ace, followed by a diamond. Declarer counted. He could win two sure trumps, three sure hearts, two sure diamonds and the club king. His 12th trick could come from a long heart or a successful finesse of the diamond jack.

But neither of these two options was certain. It was possible to keep the heart option open by playing the two top diamonds. Perhaps the queen would fall, or the player with four hearts also had four diamonds to the queen. This aggressive play

against the diamonds was more attractive than praying for the diamond finesse. So South won the second trick with the diamond king, and followed with all his trumps and worked it against Mexico in today's deal.

WEST
♠ A K Q 6
♥ J
♦ —
♣ —

EAST
♠ J1082
♥ Q
♦ —
♣ —

Now the play of the club king with the discard of the diamond jack from dummy squeezed East: so the slam was made. The Vienna Coup, temporarily establishing a potential trick for the defence, does not occur often, and when it works, especially in fulfilling a slam contract, it gives the declarer a sense of achievement.

WEEKLY DUPLICATE GAMES, 8.00 p.m.

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9 a.m. and 12 noon and 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Registration

Beit Meir, 54 King George Ave., Jerusalem

8.30 p.m. Reception to delegates sponsored by the Mercaz Olami Mizrachi at Beit Meir.

Chairman: Zvi Assael

Address: S.Z. Shragai, Veteran Leader, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi

Response: Rabbi Zevulun Lieberman, Brooklyn, N.Y.

THURSDAY, MENAHEM AV 13, 5737 — JULY 28, 1977

Registration at Beit Meir

Reception at the City Hall tendered by the Hon. Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem

Public Session at Hechal Shlomo, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

8 p.m.

Welcome: Israel Friedman, Executive Vice President, R.Z.A.

Chairman: Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, Chairman of the Board, R.Z.A.

Greetings: Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Chief Rabbi of Israel

Joseph Almog, Chairman World Zionist Organization

Rabbi S.M. Zambrowsky, Chairman, World Mizrachi Organization

Remarks: Elin Aharon Abuhazzeira, Minister of Religious Affairs

Address: Brig. General (Res.) Mordechai Zipori, Deputy Minister of Defence

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Visit to Immigrant Absorption Centre

Buses will leave from the Kings Hotel at 9 a.m.

Tefilat Shabbat at the Western Wall

Oneg Shabbat at Hechal Shlomo

Chairman: Rabbi David Telsner

Address: Rabbi Meir Feiman, Brooklyn N.Y.

Rabbi Ischak Albert, Long Island

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Shabbat Morning Services at Hechal Shlomo

Drasha: Rabbi Raphael Grossman, Memphis, Tenn.

Kiddush, sponsored by the Minister of Religious Affairs Hechal Shlomo

Motza'ei Shabbat

Public Session at Hechal Shlomo

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TAHITI TOURISM

By JOAN CASS

IT'S A RARE people today that doesn't boast its national ensemble of dancers and singers, as a source of pride and income. One of the most recent additions to the world's folklore troupe, The Grand Ballet of Tahiti (founded in 1976), is appearing as part of the Israeli Festival in Jerusalem on Monday, they proved to be a colourful, energetic company, but unfortunately poverty-stricken in artistry.

Like other folklore ensembles, the Grand Ballet of Tahiti drew on its people's songs, dances, customs and legends, to form an evening's entertainment. But either Tahiti lacks sufficiently rich traditions, or choreographer Gilles Hollande failed to find them. He did tap the usual sources, such as a wedding ceremony; a warriors' dance; a children's coconut game; and native chants. But no matter what the theme of a number, the dances material always came out the same.

Young women made a few basic gestures with their hands, at the same time rapidly gyrating their hips. While they showed astounding facility and control in this area of motion, I for one soon found the percussive hip-swinging monotonous in the extreme. Similarly, the men had one specialty: vibrating bent legs, so that the knees opened and closed at

high speed. The skill here also lay in their progressing easily from one place to another during these frenetic vibrations.

Their accompaniment consisted of insistent drumming, occasionally joined by voices. Variety was sought through yards and yards of various coloured fabric that made up the costumes: trailing sarongs or very brief hip bands and bras for the women, loin cloths for the men; leis and towering headresses for all. Props too were brought in like oars and fish nets and pole weapons. None of these aids were enough to make the performance interesting. Either the dancers shared this opinion or they were merely inexperienced, but when they caught one another's eye, they seemed to smile in embarrassment.

PENFRIENDS

ANGELIKA DUMM (16), of Kahden 27 C, D-2000 Hamburg 65, West Germany, would like to correspond with young Israelis. She is interested in foreign languages, music and reading.

ERIC GRIMES (16), of 1848 Old Route No. 13, Morrisville, Pennsylvania 19067, would like to correspond with young Israelis. He collects stamps and coins and likes sports.

A man of value

IN MEMORIAM

Prof. MICHAEL FELHEIM

PROF. Michael Felheim, who died on July 5 was never called Professor, never Mr. Felheim, not even Michael. He was Mike to everyone.

He was young in age, in spirit and in appearance, and it was difficult to distinguish him from his students. What he did for the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design will go down in history. What he might have achieved for graphic art, had he lived longer than a mere 40 years, can only be guessed. Many of us feel that we have lost a great creator of generations of practical artists.

Mike was modesty, kindness and love all in one. He was surprised when his designs for stamps and coins won prizes.

It was my privilege to have known him from childhood and watched him grow into a man of value to his surroundings, his family circle and the Bezalel Academy. He has left behind a grieving family, colleagues and students. But he has also left behind a golden path of achievement, an example of what can be done by love for work, love for others and a selflessness worthy of emulation.

May his soul rest in peace and his memory remain with us forever.

M.F.

RED SEA STRUGGLE

(Continued from page one)

strategic confrontation area between the two superpowers, why did the Soviets put all their chips on the Ethiopians, who have no Indian Ocean ports and who are the arch-enemies of the Somalis, with their 1,500 miles of strategic Indian Ocean coastline?

IT WAS INEVITABLE that Moscow's arming of the Ethiopians would cause a rift with Somalia, which is currently fighting for possession of the Ogaden region, a desert comprising one-third of Ethiopia's land mass. The Ogaden is populated by ethnic Somalis, whose guerrilla forces are openly aided by the regime in Mogadishu, including regular Somali troops, tanks, and planes flown by Arab pilots.

Another major point of contention between the neighboring countries is the newly-independent mini-state of Djibouti, which controls the African side of the Bab al-Mandeb straits between the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. Somalia may attempt an *Anschluss* with the ethnically related Isaa majority in Djibouti, while the Ethiopians are demanding continued independence for the 200,000 people of Djibouti, which is the rail head and main port for Ethiopia's trade.

Djibouti, which has declared itself an Arab state and is slated to become the 22nd member of the Arab League, announced a week after it became independent in June that it would continue to allow Israeli ships to unload cargo "at least for a while," and that it will do nothing to hinder shipping through the 120-mile-wide passageway to the southern hemisphere.

"The freedom of international navigation must not be troubled," a high government official told the press. But both sides of Bab al-Mandeb ("Gate of Tears") are now in Arab hands: Djibouti and South Yemen.

During the Yom Kippur War, Egyptian naval forces blockaded the straits. In 1973, Israeli forces could not operate effectively in such distant waters; but that has changed. In the interim accord between Israel and Egypt in August, 1975, both sides recognized that Bab al-Mandeb is an international waterway and undertook to respect all shipping passing through the straits and air traffic passing over it.

SO LONG as the Arabs did not control the African side of the straits, they could not effectively close the passage to Israeli ships. According to Prof. Mordechai Abit, of the Hebrew University, an expert on

Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa, the "Arabization" of the Red Sea and Djibouti coast has been an important Arab policy goal since 1971.

Somalia, which joined the Arab League a few years ago, has a 22,000-man Soviet-trained army, which is considered to be the best in east Africa; and the Somali forces may be ready to invade Ethiopia at any moment.

Israel is allegedly involved. "We know that the Ethiopians have Israeli pilots and other foreign military men fighting with their army," Somali information minister Adhikassal Salal Hassan claimed earlier this month. "When the time is right, we will prove it to the world."

On July 17, U.S. sources disclosed that most of the 6,000 Soviet "advisers" in Somalia were being sent home. The reports coincided with the return to Mogadishu of President Siad Barre from a state visit to Saudi Arabia, where he was apparently offered massive support if he would cut his Soviet connection.

Somalia's ports of Berbera, Mogadishu and Kismayu have been developed by the Russians over the past five years to service ships and submarines; airfields were built at Bela Di Amin. These bases would represent a tremendous loss to the Russians, who have not yet been entirely dispossessed. But Saudi money, and Moscow's support of Ethiopia, have led Somalia to shift its policy and end the biggest Soviet presence in Africa.

Is it conceivable that the Soviets could make such an enormous, obvious blunder? Or do the events in the Horn of Africa portend a major Soviet strategic move, with the Indian Ocean becoming secondary to Soviet intentions in the Red Sea?

Another Soviet foothold in the Gulf of Aden — Socatra Island belonging to Marxist South Yemen — may also be lost to the Russians, since Saudi Arabia is now giving Aden financial aid in return for a shift away from the Russians. South Yemen, which also has Cuban "advisers" and supports the Ethiopians against the Eritrean, has been moving away from the radical camp ever since it established relations with Saudi Arabia last year. Riyadh has promised extensive economic aid to South Yemen, including a 1,600 km. oil pipeline, to lure them away from the Soviets.

Northern Yemen also enjoyed Soviet aid, until Saudi Arabia weaned them away from the Russians.

(This is the first of two articles on the struggle over the Horn of Africa.)

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★ "Fidelio" — at Caserta (Sold out).

Tomorrow
★ The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Zubin Mehta: Beethoven Symphonies 6, 8, 7 at 3.30 p.m., Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv.
★ Tel Aviv Quartet: Beethoven String Quartets, at 5 p.m., Tel Aviv Museum.
★ Grand Ballet de Tahiti, at 8.30 p.m., Binyamin Ha'ozna, Jerusalem.
★ The Israel Quartet: Beethoven String Quartets, at 8.30 p.m., Haifa Auditorium.

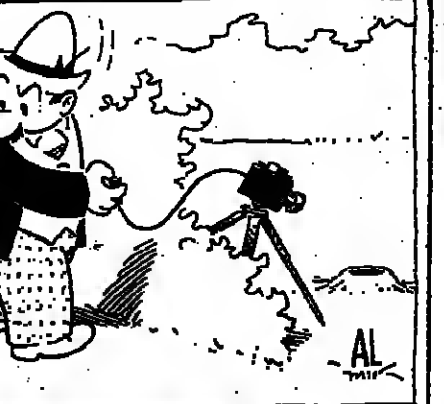
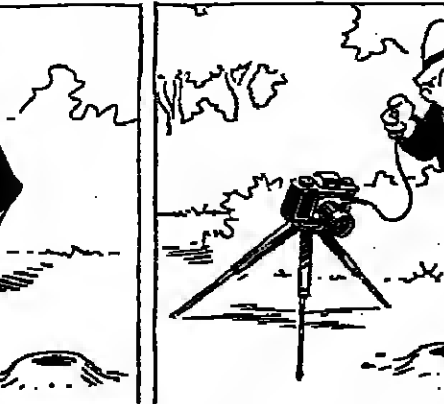
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EDUCATIONAL: 16.00 Programme for kindergarten. 16.30 English. 17.00 Nature Film. 17.30 Sir Francis Drake.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES: 17.30 Service broadcast.

17.35 Walt Disney.

18.20 Windows: Magazine on the new and the different.

ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes: 18.30 News roundup.

18.32 Bi-weekly youth magazine.

19.00 Father Knows Best.

19.27 Programme announcements.

19.30 News.

HERREW PROGRAMMES: resume at 20.00 with The Brothers.

Continuation of the series by Eric Pace and N.J. Crisp tracing the family history of the London transport firm of Hammond.

21.00 Mabat newswire.

21.30 Moked.

22.00 Trouble in the Glen. Herbert Wilcox's 1934 film starring Margaret Lockwood, Orson Welles, Forest Tucker, Victor McLaglen. Scottish-based drama of feud over closing of road that has been used for a long time.

23.30 News.

JORDAN TV: (unofficial): 24.00: Jahbar Juv. 19.30 Documentary. 19.00: Laverne and Shirley. 19.30 News in Hebrew. 20.00: News in Arabic. 20.30 Partridge Family. 21.00 Science Report. 21.30 Ducha of Duke Street. 22.00 News in English. 22.15 Mystery Movie.

Shows with asterisks are also on JTV 3.

CINEMAS

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30.

Allenby: Come with the Wind 4.30, 7.15, 9.30.

Yehuda: 500 Thousand in Black Money. Chech: Mary Poppins 4.15, 6.45, 9.30.

Cinema One: Zennetta 4.30, 7.30, 9.30.

Cinema Two: Yellow Submarine 10, 12, 2, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30.

Mograbli: Star is Born 6.45, 9.30.

Drive In: The Little Prince 7.30, 9.30.

Cool Hand Luke 9.30; Gai: Fantasia 4.30, 7.30, 9.30.

Ramat Aviv: Doctor Zhivago 4.15, 6.30; Dekel: Funny Girl; Gai: 7.30.

Crossing: Had: King Kong 4.30, 7.30, 9.30.

Ophir: The Eye of the Tiger; Limor: Peyton Place 4.30, 7.30, 9.30.

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Reich: The Dirty Dozen 6.15, 8.45.

Non-stop peris. daily; Orsi: Hercole; Morish: Operation Thunderbolt 9.30, 9.30.

Orion: Sex Party, six non-stop peris; Orly: Network 9.30, 9.30.

The Island at the Top of the World 4; Feet: Carrie; Men: King Kong 4, 6.30, 9.30; Shavit: La Nera Giovane. Tues. no peris at 9.

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ON THE AIR

First Programme

7.07 Morning concert — Suite for Lute; Haydn: Salve Regina; Vivaldi: Violin Concerto in A Minor; Mozart: Variations, K. 265; Poulenc: Ballet Dancer; Ravel: Bolero; Prokofiev: Cello Sonata in C Major; Brahms: Symphony No. 3 in F Major (Gullit).

10.05 Programme announcements.

11.00 Radio story.

12.05 (Stereo) Weber: Invitation to the Dance; Songs: Clarinet Quintet, Op. 34.

13.00 Copland: Billy the Kid; Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue; Wells: The Time Penny Opera.

15.00 Arabic lessons.

15.30 Notes on a new book.

16.00 Music magazine.

16.30 (Stereo) Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra: Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 1 (Emmanuel Ax, Larkas Flautist); Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 (Alexander Schneider).

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Market is mixed as turnover drops to IL35m.

TEL AVIV. — Mortgage bank issues and investment company shares advanced in what was otherwise a mixed market, as share turnover dropped to the IL35m. mark. The Nativ investment fund rose unchanged at IL11.44 despite a demand for the currency. Earlier in the week the Nativ was dropped for a sharp loss.

Commercial banks continued steady. The Big Three banks traded unchanged and Union Bank eased by two to 488.

Among mortgage banks Carmel continued to put in a stellar performance. The shares opened as "buyers only" at 485 and then slipped to 300 in the variables for an overall gain of 38 points.

General Mortgage crept up three to close at 390. Mortgage and Housing was "buyers only" and was fixed at 346.5. Shilun tacked on six to 183. Agricultural Bank "A" also checked in as "buyers only" and eventually finished the day with a 22-point gain to 207.

Insurance shares were generally steady with the exception of Zur, which was "buyers only" at 1,107. Law and development and real estate shares were mixed though the general tendency was to trade at lower levels. Property and Building advanced by four to 316 and Mehadrin reached the 700 mark on a five-point gain. Industrials were steady. Hiron ILs reached 785 on a 40-point advance. The "mini-conglomerates" whose holdings include Elit and Elitron, is expected to chalk up record earnings this year.

Argaman pref. was also strong as it gained 25 to 410. Electric Wire and

DOLLAR-INDEXED		24.7.77	25.7.77
DEBITMENTS			
5% Dead Sea	b	1649	1700
5% Dead Sea Junior	r	280	282
5% Electric Corp. R.	r	280	282
PURCHASE IN DOLLARS			
Bills 22		126.1	126.1
C of L LINKED			
(Principal and Interest)			
Absorp. 1986 (1)	b	326	326
Absorp. 1987 (1)	b	343	343
EL 1988 (41)	b	354.5	354.5
EL 1989 (41)	b	355	355
EL 1990 (41)	b	424	424
EL 1991 (41)	b	424	424
EL 1992 (41)	b	344	350
OPTIONALS			
Dev. 298	b	397.5	397.5
Dev. 300	b	398	398
Dev. 4% (3001)	b	398.5	398.5
CONVERTIBLES			
10% IDB	b	172	172
15% Mitrani (3)	b	170	170
15% Mitrani (5)	b	216	216
10% Delek	b	286	281
10% Disc. Inv. (72)	b	286	294

BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Clear Hiyahshav	r	358	354
L.D.B. pref.	r	1035	1035
L.D.B. nonpref.	r	278.5	278.5
Union "A"	r	488	480
Discount "A"	r	380	380
United Mitrani	r	215.5	215.5
Hapoalim	r	344	344
Leumi "A"	r	295	295
Gen. Mortgage	r	394	394
Dev. & Mortgage	r	398	398
Developing Mortgage	r	398	398
Telohot 5% pref.	r	689	675
Ind. & Dev. 5% pref.	r	130.5	176
Aryeh	r	1010	1090
Hanash Insurance	r	778	778
Sahar — "C"	r	1099	1090
REAL ESTATE, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND OTHERS			
Avorim ILs	r	176	176
Africa Israel ILs	r	970	970
Ur. Land Dev.	r	320	320

WALL STREET			
ASA Ltd.	19%	Fair Cam	26%
Amer. Motors	4%	Ford	40%
Am. T. & T.	4%	Gen. Dynam.	47%
Al. Rich	57%	Gen. Foods	67%
Avco	17%	Gen. Motors	67%
Avon	40%	Gen. Tel.	39%
Bell How	21%	Gen. Tire	31%
Beth St.	29%	Gillette	27%
Boeing	57%	Graco	29%
Boat M.	38	Gulf West	29%
Burroughs	67%	Gulf Oil	29%
CBS Inc.	61	Honywell	51%
Celanese	47%	IBM	27%
Chase Man.	33%	Int. Paper	48%
Crysler	18%	Int. T. & T.	29%
Coca Cola	33%	John John	97%
Con Ed	23%	LTV	15
Crown Zell	26%	Litton	15
Curtis Wri	19%	Lockheed	17%
Dow Chem	32	Mayco	36%
Dupont	130%	McDermott	24%
East KDK	51%	Merr Lynch	18%
Exxon	51%	Min. MM	20%

Market declines again

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market declined for the second straight session yesterday, registering uneasiness over the economic outlook.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was off more than six points half an hour before the close. Losers held a 5 to 3 advantage over gainers among New York stock exchange-listed issues. Trading was moderately active.

The Dow's loss came on the heels of a 9.18-point setback Monday, which cut short a gradual rally over the six previous sessions. Analysts said traders still seemed edgy over projections that the U.S. economic growth rate might slow later this year and in 1978.

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Dutch Fl.	3.9912	4.0112
Swiss Fr.	4.0222	4.0624
Austrian S.	6.0204	6.0505
Canadian \$	0.9577	0.9780
Australian \$	10.5235	10.5779
Rand	11.0594	11.1147

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SPOT RATES:

Dollar	1.7200/02	per £
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Swiss Fr.	2.3855/65	per \$
Lira	880.90/20	per \$
Belgian Fr.	35.88/88	per \$
Dutch Fl.	2.4080/90	per \$
Yen	264.20/35	per \$
French Fr.	4.7985/95	per \$
Danish Kr.	5.8820/35	per \$
Swedish Kr.	4.2810/20	per \$
Norwegian Kr.	5.1785/05	per \$
Gold price:	\$145.50 — 146.25	

FORWARD RATES:

1 Mon.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.
1.7157/62	1.7049/58	1.6889/54
2.2430/47	2.2312/35	2.2207/24
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Tadiran may export electronic warfare systems

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON. — Both the "electronic warfare systems" and the "anti-electronic warfare systems" which Tadiran developed as a result of the lessons of the Yom Kippur War may soon be sold to one or more foreign countries.

This was stated yesterday by Dr. Shmariya Shapira, head of the electronics division of Tadiran, who refused to go into any details whatsoever, neither of the systems nor of the countries involved. He only noted that negotiations were going on, "government to government."

Alkiva Meir, deputy director-general of Tadiran's research and development department, noted that "other countries are investing millions of dollars in solving the same problems." He called on the Government to use its "hargaining elbow" in selling to foreign countries. "Israel is a prime importing country," the Government should make its purchase of imports conditional on other countries buying

Tying the pound to currency basket proved successful

By SELOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first year after having tied the Israeli pound to a basket of foreign currencies instead of the U.S. dollar has proved the success of the system, according to Avigdor Steinhilber, an official in the Bank of Israel foreign currency department.

Since the exchange rate was based on the currency basket on July 19, 1976, the pound has been devalued 11 times, by two per cent each time, for a total of 22 per cent. The structure of the currency basket has, however, resulted in differences in the change of the pound value relative to different currencies. Thus, for example, the weakening of the dollar has devalued it by four per cent, compared with the rest of the basket.

As a result of changes in the exchange rates of the currencies included in the basket the pound has been devalued by 18.5 per cent in relation to the U.S. dollar, but 37 per cent against the German mark.

According to Steinhilber, fixing the exchange rate on the basis of a currency basket has reduced the fluctuations in receipts by exporters, which would otherwise have occurred. Thus, the recent weakening of the dollar has affected Israeli exports only to a relatively small extent because the dollar makes up only 35 per cent of the basket.

"The importance of the different

Comptroller raps Rishon on sanitation contracts

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — The son of a city councilman and a former employee of the sanitation department here each won contracts to collect garbage in different sections of the municipality, a State Comptroller's report revealed yesterday.

The councilman's son in 1971 helped his son with the contract, the report added.

It noted that the councilman's son had not offered the lowest bid among the six applicants seeking the contract. But the bid was lowered after several councilmen talked with their colleague's son, the report said.

The councilman, his son and the former employee were not identified.

After he was awarded the contract, the report noted, the son used a vehicle owned by the municipality to collect the garbage.

He has since improved the vehicle by installing a semi-automatic garbage loading device, Deputy Mayor Meir Zamsky told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Zamsky explained the vehicle was taken by the councilman's son because it was not being used by the city. The municipality still is attempting to retrieve it, the report indicated.

After the sanitation department employee was awarded his contract to collect garbage in 1973, he was permitted to take leave without pay from his job.

The report added that the former employee had agreed to collect 1,000 dunams regularly for a specific fee per unit. He now collects 4,700 dunams regularly at the same cost per unit. The report noted that the cost per unit should have been lowered as the number of dunams increased, and that a new contract should have been negotiated.

The report also noted that litter is left uncollected for long periods and complaints against contractors are not recorded by the municipality.

Another criticism noted in the report indicated that a winery in Rishon Lezion was creating a health hazard in its method of waste disposal. According to the report, the

Economic consul in U.S. 'Better design would sell more Israeli merchandise here'

By AARON SITINER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's businessmen are quite ignorant about the opportunities available in the vast U.S. market, yet another official trade emissary has told *The Jerusalem Post*. Similar observations have been voiced by Israeli trade officials stationed outside the New York area.

Levy Elad, Israeli Consul for Economic Affairs in the Southeastern United States, said yesterday: "Like many of my fellow trade officials in North America, I cannot help but marvel at the lack of market knowhow among Israeli manufacturers — businessmen who otherwise are quite sophisticated."

With headquarters in the Israel consulate in Atlanta, Elad is responsible for 11 states, including Georgia, Texas, Tennessee and the Carolinas. Besides serving as eyes and ears for Israel exporters, Elad also serves the Ministry of Finance by acting as agent of the Israel Investment Authority.

"All this talk about an economic slowdown in the U.S. should not deter Israeli manufacturers from looking for new markets," Elad stated flatly. "With such a vast, multi-faceted economy, there still is plenty of demand in the U.S. for merchandise in fields where the slowdown has not yet begun."

"For instance, right now there is a housing boom in Texas and Tennessee. That means the markets there are wide open for things like plumbing fixtures, builders' hardware, lighting equipment and air-conditioning. There is absolutely no reason why Israeli firms, which have certainly made a name for themselves by now in exactly these product lines, should not take advantage of this boom."

According to Elad, quality and price competitiveness are the only requisites for a successful launching of an Israeli product in the U.S. "Import tariffs haven't been a barrier since January 1974, when the General System of Preferences went into effect," he said. "Under the GSP, some 2,700 items may be imported customs-free into the U.S. from developing countries."

Elad's main criticism of Israeli manufacturers is that they neglect proper design, and that their comprehension of market scope is so limited that they cannot seem to break the "exclusive distributor" habit to which they have become accustomed over the years.

"Let's take design first," he began. "Israel merchandise compared price-for-price with other countries' goods, is superior. Nevertheless, our products are wanting in design. For American consumers, design is just as important as quality. If your design is weak,

Changes in VAT reporting dates

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Starting this September, the reporting dates of VAT for all small businesses will be unified. Small businesses whose VAT registration numbers end with the two digits 40 to 99 will have to submit a periodic VAT report until October 15. After that they will have to report once every two months, for October-November, and so on.

When VAT was introduced a year ago, these businesses were divided into two groups, each group filing its returns in a different month. This was intended to reduce the VAT administration's work load and to make it easier for the banks to handle VAT payments. Meanwhile it has turned out that the load is not as heavy as expected, and that it will be possible to handle the returns and collection even if all businesses file their reports for the same period.

Helping a kibbutz

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich has asked the Knesset Finance Committee to approve paying Kibbutz Mevo Hama in the Galilee Heights 30 per cent of the damages caused when some of their cows wandered into a minefield and were killed. The kibbutz had not paid the Property and War Indemnity Tax as required by law, in the belief that the Jewish Agency was paying it.

Mevo Hama suffered a loss of IL50,000. According to the law, they are not entitled to indemnity, but the Finance Minister may pay up to 50 per cent of the damage, with the approval of the Finance Committee.

Prices down — sales up

The recent price-reduction campaign by Supersol has attracted large numbers of new customers and the chain's sales have gone up sharply.

The spokesman of the company said yesterday that Supersol expects to finish the year with sales of IL550m. The company believes that the system of periodic "sales" campaigns has proved itself and is mainly responsible for the company's passing the half-billion-pound mark.

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Uneasy truce in Lebanon

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the latest agreement on regulating the continued presence of the Palestinian terrorist organizations in Lebanon warrants the scepticism that has always accompanied such accords.

This is all the more true in the case of the present talks at Shitara in which the agreement was said to have been based on "the spirit of the Cairo Agreement of 1969." It should be remembered that the prolonged flouting of the terms of that arrangement by the PLO was the cause of nearly all of Lebanon's subsequent woes.

The new agreement concluded between the Syrian Chief of Staff General Hikmet Shebabi, the PLO's number two man, Salah Halaf, better known as "Abu Iyad," and the head of Lebanon's defunct armed forces, Brigadier Victor Khoury, calls for the withdrawal of the PLO forces from various areas of Lebanon including its southern border with Israel where the PLO has been fighting Christian militias and villagers. This withdrawal, which is slated to begin Saturday, is to be into the Palestinian refugee camps and the southern part of the Arakoub "Fatahland" area bordering on the Israeli-held Mt. Hermon.

There is a vague allusion to the intended dismantling of all military fortifications held by the PLO, although it will be permitted to continue to hold light and medium sized weapons within the camps and in the Arakoub.

If the agreement is actually implemented as written it would seem at first that the major beneficiary is Syria. The agreement places the refugee camps under the aegis of the Syrian controlled "peace-keeping force" of the Arab League and also removes the terrorist forces from southern Lebanon where their continued presence could trigger large-scale Israeli intervention in a context which might be dangerous for Syria.

The PLO has apparently felt constrained to go along with this agreement although it is seeking to cover up its retreat with the argument that it legitimizes their control of the camps and of Arakoub.

The acquiescence of the PLO is an admission of the new political and military realities in Lebanon. Syria is there in all its might while the PLO's major backers in the recent civil war — Egypt, Iraq and Libya — are either otherwise engaged or reluctant to intervene on its behalf. This best that the PLO leadership could hope for in the present situation is that retention of their heavy armaments in the camps will permit them to regroup for a future day.

But just as significant as the PLO's submission is the ominous silence of the Christian militias who control a 1,200 sq. km. enclave north of Beirut. They view themselves as being unaffected by the PLO withdrawal in the south and the disarmament schedule.

They have no objection to an attempt by President Sarkis' renaissance but insignificant army of 300 men to police the evacuated southern border with Israel. Yet the price for this, however, will be that the Christian areas in the north will continue to be subjected to the pressure of the newly legitimized PLO presence in the camps and to the Syrian occupying forces which give every indication of settling down for a long stay.

The wrong foot

IN A WAY it was a pity that Mr. Begin should have spoiled the outwardly perfect triumph of his visit to America by an unnecessarily petty homecoming. No sooner had the last strains of the military band's welcoming music died away at the airport than the Premier launched into a vituperative onslaught on the Opposition over the alleged "leak" from the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

The formal and festive welcoming ceremony, after a visit which has been universally acknowledged as a notable personal and national success, was hardly the appropriate occasion for a polemical settling of accounts. It would have kept till the Knesset debate today.

Moreover the "leak" over which Mr. Begin became so vociferously incensed was hardly an issue at all. The initial "leaks" of his "peace plan" had been published well before the text of the plan was laid before the Knesset committee. And in fact they need not have been leaks at all, but rather projections and speculation based on a common-sense interpretation of the new government's publicly stated policies.

When the actual wording of the document was later revealed, apparently by committee members, Mr. Begin had already submitted it to President Carter, and so he need not have been overly embarrassed by the publication hack home (although he did ask Carter to keep some parts of the document secret — only to find that request invalidated by the leak).

At any rate, the Prime Minister's decision to "make an issue" of the leak immediately proved to be miscalculated — for it furnished the Labour Alignment with a welcome "Cause" around which to rally and, in righteous indignation, counter-attack the government.

Begin, that most assiduous parliamentarian, will now have to answer the charges that he is undermining relations between the Executive and the Legislature (an accusation which is about as sincere as his own implied threat to take reprisal actions against the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee).

His own purposes would have been better served had the Premier allowed the record of his mission to the U.S. to stand by itself, and to have the debate on it undisturbed by a needless slanging match over an exaggerated side-issue.

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This shouder-shrugging, lip-pursing fatalism is the attitude of a great many Viennese. Sometimes it is laced with wry, macabre humour. "It would take the Russians 36 hours to conquer Austria," a sophisticated young Viennese declared earnestly.

"They would need that long to recover from laughing!" her friends chorused gaily in explanation.

There are two aspects to the question of Austria's defence credibility. One is essentially military: has the Austrian army got what it takes, in terms of men, machinery and morale, to stage a serious resistance? The other is more basic: does the Austrian nation — the people and government — have the determination, the willpower, to resist?

"The answer is no," asserted Prof. Gottfried-Karl Kindermann, a Viennese now living in Munich and teaching political science at the university there. "The government would do nothing. Spannocchi (the Commander-in-Chief of the Austrian army) is sincere enough when he speaks of preparing Austria's defences. But the government isn't."

Kindermann bawled the "decadence" that he feels is pervading his home-city, eroding the national fibre. "It is a self-destructing decadence," he said. "unrelieved even by the flamboyance that characterized pre-war Vienna."

Other Austrians also spoke of Vienna as soft and stodgy, and therefore unreliable. "But Vienna is not Austria," an army officer asserted. "In the mountains the people are much tougher, much less spoiled."

Up-and-coming diplomat was more hopeful, less cynical, than Prof. Kindermann. "We learned the lesson of the Anschluss," he says. "If someone had fired a shot then, we might have been spared the Hitler years and the decade of Soviet occupation that followed. I don't think we'd make the same mistake again."

These two men's differing assessments of the future seemed to colour their reading of the past. According to Kindermann, "In 1938 the Russians brazenly flew over Austria, photographing airfields and the Austrian navy from a shot." In the diplomat's book "The socialist states have always respected Austria's neutrality, even during the crises of 1936 and 1968."

BUT EVEN the diplomat, with his more sanguine belief in Austria's martial prowess, did not advocate reliance on armed defence alone as the best guarantee of security. "We have to be useful, as neutrals, to the Big Powers, or they will lose their interest in us. That is why we are developing Vienna as a major international conference centre and the seat of international organizations (OPEC, IAEA, UNIDO, etc.). For the same reason, we deliberately pursue a very active foreign policy. Today there are 66 foreign embassies in Vienna, compared to 24 at

READERS' LETTERS

RESTORE JEWISH VALUES TO EDUCATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Convinced that at the root of Israel's travails grows a profound spiritual crisis — affecting the moral fibre, spiritual image, identity, unity and national purpose of the Jewish people — I have for long urged Israel's religious leaders to seek the education portfolio in the cabinet rather than to press for new religious legislation. Only education and persuasion, not coercion, can cultivate a committed Jewish identity, its values and promote the Jewish character of the State of Israel.

It is tragic and intolerable that two-thirds of Israel's children are completely alienated from Jewish beliefs and practices, never experience the inspiration of prayer, the solace of faith or the passion for the prophetic vision of Israel's role among the nations. Despite their brilliant as bearers of the Jewish heritage, they have virtually no ideals to unite them with committed Jews elsewhere. Looking upon Israel as an asylum for homeless Jews rather than as a sanctuary of Jewish living, many of them contemplate emigration once they believe other countries can offer greater security and prosperity. Without its unique Jewish ethos, the State cannot generate the idealism required to secure even physical survival. Had Israel not violated Jewish ethical dictates on birth-control and abortion — on a scale far higher than in other countries — its Jewish population would today be five million, not three.

No legislation can fill this void and

THE JEWISH OLYMPICS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your editorial, "The Jewish Olympic" (July 18), you write: "Unfortunately the 10th Games will not really attain the result dreamed of because so many Jews are barred from participation by the narrow-minded folly of their governments."

That is all very well. But why not

POSTSCRIPTS

PRIME MINISTER Begin certainly seems to have made a bit with the Lubavitcher Rebbe and the concrete results of the rapport established between the two men were evident very soon after their meeting in New York.

As the Premier's cavalcade left Ben-Gurion Airport on Monday, it was greeted by thousands of Lubavitcher Hasidim who had come to welcome Mr. Begin home in response to instructions from their spiritual leader.

Mr. Begin, whom none can fault for courteous behaviour, got out of his car — to the rousing sounds of the Hasidim's "Napoleonic Victory March" — and delivered their greetings direct from Rebbe Meachem Schneerson. Overjoyed, the Hasidim engulfed him in an enthusiastic dance in which the Prime Minister joined — until his bodyguards urged him to return to his car.

The cavalcade proceeded at a snail's pace (if one may use that



The "Kurassier" — "...gem of Austria's armaments industry."

Defence credibility

The main problem confronting Austria's defence planners is that many Austrians simply refuse to contemplate the feasibility of defending their country against military attack, reports the Post's David Landau.

the time of the Anschluss."

In this the diplomat was echoing Chancellor Bruno Kreisky's own stated views. The Chancellor, moreover, has injected into the equation his own powerful personality and his penchant for high-power statesmanship — with the result that Vienna is now very much a focal point on the international diplomatic map.

No Austrian will gainsay this trend. But there are some who feel that Kreisky and his socialist government are fostering the policy of international usefulness as a substitute for, rather than a complement to, a military defence posture.

Kindermann agreed. "Kreisky doesn't care about defence," he said. "The government actually fears the resurgence of a military elite. That's partly why it is half-hearted in its support for Spannocchi's plan to build up a powerful territorial force."

The same sense of distance between the Kreisky government and the armed forces seemed to come through, obliquely, in conversations with officers. Said Lt.-Col. Peter Komar, the energetic commander of the crack 9th Mechanized Brigade, and at 39, one of the brightest young stars in Austria's military firmament: "I would dearly love him (Kreisky) to come and visit us at the 9th. To talk to my officers, to feel their motivation, to see for himself what weapons we have and what we need. But he's never been. Still, I'm determined to bring him. I'm going to write to him personally."

Komar, a graduate (at the army's expense) of a Swiss business school and a U.S. staff college, applies the same fresh ardour and enthusiasm to every aspect of his job. "Terrible food here!" he booms over lunch at Grossmittlel, base of one of the five battalions that make up the 9th Brigade (they are spread out around the southern and eastern approaches to Vienna). "I say the same thing at every battalion," he whispers to me. "Keep the cooks on their toes." And later at the shooting range he pours

withering criticism on the efforts of two sweating and nervous recruits, blasting away with their FN rifles. "Give them the day off," I suggest. To me they seemed to have performed very creditably.

"Not likely," he retorts in mock ferocity. "There were several misses. They ought to do the whole lot again tonight!"

THERE MUST of course be severe limitations on the standards of soldiery that the professional officers and the NCOs can inculcate into the Austrian national servicemen, who are only in uniform for six months (eight if they choose to do a stint with the Austrian UN units on the Golan or in Cyprus).

Austrian officers, from Spannocchi down, prefer not to dwell on this. They know it is politically unrealistic to hope for any extension of the length of service, so they make do with what is available. Komar insists that his Brigade, one of the best in the *Bereitschaftsgruppe*, or alert-ready forces, attains satisfactory standards by rigorously following a training course that he personally supervises.

In the view of a leading German military commentator, Wolfgang von Raven, the Austrian officer corps is as competent and as qualified as that of any modern army. But the quality of the officers is superior to that of the other ranks, and to the sophistication and fire-power of the weaponry that Austria possesses.

There seems indeed to be a wide gulf between officers and men, with the former evincing only a distant and detached interest in the latter. I saw little human contact between the two groups outside of the professional command-obey relationship.

Not that a commander of Komar's verve and proficiency lacks concern for the welfare of his soldiers.

On the contrary, he was vociferously disappointed to find that a clean-lined and functional barracks-block going up at Grossmittlel had been painted an austere green rather than the more

cheerful yellow he had wanted. "If we want them to sign up for longer periods we must make their conditions as attractive as our budgets allow," he insists.

But his interest is in "the soldiers" in general. Perhaps they are simply not in the army long enough for the ranking officers to become familiar with them as individuals. Though when I pointed out that the troop compartment of the incredibly powerful and versatile Pinzgauer lorry seemed as uncomfortable as the rest of the vehicle was streamlined, Komar and the Battalion commander, Major Meyer, just laughed.

"It's only for the privates," another officer explained solicitously. (When I noted that I personally held that not inconsequential rank, some awkward glances were exchanged.)

PRIDE radiated visibly from Komar's eyes as we inspected the gem of Austria's armaments industry — the Kurassier anti-tank tank. "Go on, get in and drive it," he urged.

It is indeed a marvellously adroit and manoeuvrable machine, weighing only 13.5 tons but packing the full punch of a 105 mm. cannon

(the regular tank-gun calibre). The Kurassier, now rolling off the assembly lines in increasing numbers, would be a vital element in Austria's efforts to repulse a Soviet armoured thrust. To make production more profitable, Austria would like to sell it abroad, but the potential markets are drastically restricted by the law — an outgrowth of the State's Neutrality Treaty — forbidding either the government or a private person to sell arms to conflict areas. (It was this law which in June this year, brought down Defence Minister Luttgendorf, who was involved in the attempted sale of rifle ammunition to Syria.)

The neutrality laws and regulations restrict the Austrian army in far more dangerous ways too. For instance, they forbid Austria to have "missiles or missile-launchers" — words which conjured up Armageddon-type weaponry in 1955, when the Neutrality Treaty was signed, but nowadays signify the indispensable hardware of every land skirmish or aerial dog-fight.

"This is our biggest problem," Chief-of-Staff Spannocchi said. He and other officers insist that Austria does not in fact have any anti-tank or anti-aircraft rockets in its arsenal.

"But we believe the Finnish precedent might be helpful," Spannocchi noted. (Finland is also bound by a neutrality pact; it served as a pattern for Austria's.) They have interpreted that clause banning missiles as not referring to defensive battlefield anti-tank rockets, and they act accordingly. The U.S. and the Soviets seem to have tacitly agreed.

Presumably, if Austria had bought the Israeli Kfir warplane, a similar liberality of interpretation would have had to be devised. (Austria could still purchase the Kfir — some army officers were bopsful last month that Kreisky would come around.)

Squeezed by geography, by politics and by their own laws, Austrian defence planners have a job that is dauntingly difficult. They believe, though, that ultimately they cannot rely solely on their own neutrality and the benevolence of others.

"Without our defence forces, Austria would be a military vacuum," observed Defence Minister Otto Roesch. "And a vacuum naturally sucks in forces from round about." (This is the second of two articles, the first having appeared yesterday.)

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